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Twice as many childless women as population falls

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

T LEAST one in five women now in their women now in their 20s and 30s will have no children, government statisticians predicted yesterday as they set out how Britain's population will start to fall for the first time since records began.

The proportion of women who remain childless is expected to double compared with those now in their 40s and 50s, as growing numbers lecide to put careers first.

by figures showing that the abortion rate in Inner London ing women is highest — has reached 35 per cent of all pregnancies. The national av-

erage is about 20 per cent.
Apart from a blip in 1983,
Britain's population has been
growing for hundreds of years and may not have been years and may not have been on a downward trend since the Black Death in 1347-51.
Officials of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) expect that the United Kingdom's population, now more than 58 million, will start falling after 2025, and drop to about 55 million by 2075.

low the level necessary to replenish the population, but totals are being sustained by the swelling ranks of pensionwomen born in the 1960s who are of child-bearing age. Birth

rates are dropping in much of Europe, and Germany already has a falling population. According to ONS fore-casts, more than 20 per cent of women born since 1964 will have no children. Latest fig-ures show that 61 per cent of those born in 1969 were childless at 25, as were 23 per cent of those born in 1959 at 35.

per cent of those horn in 1949. Bob Armitage, an ONS state istician, said the trend stemmed from "things like women choosing to remain in employment, or to go through

education."

He added: "It is a problem.

He added: "It is a problem. We are likely to have a population more heavily weighted to the elderly."

The birth rate among women aged 25-29, the peak age for having babies, fell isst year to its lowest since 1941. The

The birth rate is already be childlessness by the age of 45 is higher than that among those born since 1964 it hose aged 20-24, indicating that women born in 1944 and 13 are increasingly doing so after the compared of these born in 1944 and 13 are increasingly doing so after establishing a career. A new analysis of abortion

South-east are much more likely than average to terminate a pregnancy. In 1993, the per cent. Overall, one in three pregnancies outside marriage was aborted, compared with fewer than one in 10 of those of married women.

• Most couples seeking

Women and childbirth with children under 16, nine in 10 of such couples would have

Thatcher scoms Major with cash gift

Patrick Wintour, Chief

ADY Thatcher resterday dealt a new blow to Tory unity on Europe, and renewed her feud with John Major, when she pointedly handed a substantial dona-tion from her own purse to Bill Cash's European Founda-tion, following the enforced withdrawal of funding for the foundation by Sir James Goldsmith.

John Major was so infuriated by her provocative action that he ended his truce with Lady Thatcher and told her that she would have been better advised to give her spare cash to the Conservative Party. Mr Major's anger was com-

pounded by the fact that Lady Thatcher's speedy interven-tion put Mr Cash back on the front foot and is seen as an implicit endorsement of him, despite his connections with Sir James, whose Referen-dum Party is planning to put up candidates against the Conservatives at the next

spontaneous donation made by Lady Thatcher. It is sub-stantial. I am extremely de-lighted at the confidence she is showing in the foundation and myself. She is one of the great prime ministers of our time".



Austin

The work of the Euro-

pean Foundation in researching and publishing Information about European issues is vital both to the Conservative Party and to the country. It is well known that the advocates of European federalism have never lacked access to funding. Not so those who seek to preserve British sovereignty. It is therefore all the more important that your Foundation should continue its activities. As we have discussed, I am making a donation to help it do so.

Yours ever Margaret"

But Mr Major said of Lady Thatcher's donation: "Every one must choose what to do Thatcher must answer for her own actions. Personally, I would have given the money to the Conservative Party." Conservative officials tried to play down the significance of the donation, pointing out that as a party member Lady Thatcher was not in breach

of any party rules. However, earlier yesterday, Chancellor Kenneth Clarke had attacked Mr Cash: "The policies suggested by Bill Cash would take us out of the European. Union and would detach us from the prospect of influencing and would put us in a subordinate position." Lady Thatcher gave her undisclosed donation following a telephone conversation with Mr Cash yesterday. In her subsequent letter she said the foundation's work was

country".
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Lady Thatcher . . . European Foundation "vital both to the Conservative Party and to the country" she told Bill Cash

portant that your foundation should continue its activi-

Mr Cash had been embarrassed earlier this week when he was forced to confirm that tive Party and to the he had been taking cash from Sir James. Tory whips ordered Mr Cash to sever his Buropean federalism have Even Tory sceptics felt Mr James Goldsmith".

never lacked access to fund- | Cash had made a misjudgment ing. Not so those who seek to preserve British sovereignty. It is therefore all the more im-

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "The Conservative Party is con-tinuing its war with itself. with Mrs Thatcher once again showing complete contempt for her successor. Bill Cash has not had to search very far to find someone as opposed to the Government's Ihne as Sir

Charles Kennedy, the Liberal Democrats' European Union affairs spokesman, said last night: "This is the greatest possible two-finger salute from the former Tory decessor rounded off a disastrone was formed to the former to the greatest possible two-finger salute from the former Tory decessor rounded off a disastrone was formed to the former to the great former to Prime Minister to the present

Tory Prime Minister. This contemptuous contribution is designed to add in-sult to the injuries suffered already by John Major. It's a case of 'Up yours, Major'." Companies House records Gook ready to trade show that the European sovereignty, page 4

tions of £116,712 in 1994, the

tween Mr Major and his pre-decessor rounded off a disastrous week for the prime minister, in which two backbench Tory MPs successfully threatened to destroy his onevote Commons majority - by turn to page 2, column 3

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elderly werdan by toppling a conkrete slab from a tower block was given a tresh shart in life.

World News Colombia's Congress halted impeachment proceedings against

President Samper and the US is now likely to impose sanctions.

Sainsbury will need to increase sales by 2400 million a year to coverthe costs of the loyalty card it plans to launch.

Romania became: the first side to go out of Euro 96 when they lost 1-0 to Bulgana amid 🗼 🔑 controversy over a disallowed goal.

Sorry, Ma'am, but it's just an old pot

HE Grosvenor House Art and Antiques Fair promises that "every

item, whatever its value, has been vetted for quality, condition and authenticity". But when its patron, the Queen Mother, agreed to lend a pair of Chinese famille verte porcelain cache pots, the vetters made an

embarrassing discovery. The jardinières were not the product of the Kangel period (1662-1722), but dated from the late 19th century. Worse, they were not Chinese, but had been made in Paris.

main events of the London a chanc tors, dealers and the public to meet. The organisers said in a statement that the discovery made the jardinières "even more interesting". But another source said: "That means they are nasty little fakes."

The fair's statement continued: "Specialists are of the opinion that the vases date from the 19th century and were made by the cele



One of the fake Chinese vase

sought-after ceramics.
"There was a large amount of reproducing of works in the 19th century and a lot of collectors who looked for examples of ear-lier works," said a spokes-

can for Sotheby "Samson was dispatched to produce copies. They weren't made fraudulently. Samson often used to incor-porate an 'S' in the mark to give a clue that the piece was not an original. But at some point the marks might have been removed and then it becomes difficult to tell the original

from the copy."

But the source at the fair brated Samson factory." said the pots should not be Samson, known as Sam-son the Imitator, established came from the royal pata factory in Paris in 1845 devoted to producing replace ously left them on show."

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Sketch

Blackmail lands PM in casualty

overnment?
Mr Major was at his most

urbane. No, he said, Mr Blair's version was not substantially

true. "There is no possibility

of a government responding to such approaches. I hope yo

Mr Blair pointed out that the two MPs had been told the A&E would now be replaced.

'Is this one of life's happy co-

nasty. Mr Major said that umpteen people had made rep-resentations about the A&E,

just two among many. Mr Ashdown chipped in

with a fine moralising rant: "This is an administration

which has no further purpose except to ensure by whatever

own limping and miserable survival," he remarked. Backbenchers were now

bellowing abuse. Speaker Boothroyd started "naming"

Amid the maybem, the Prime Minister remained calm,

"The tactic of threatening to

withhold support is not going

has not worked, and will not at

any stage in the future," he

lighted when one of the two MPs rose to agree. "Will you allow me to confirm what you said?" asked John Gorst (C, Hendon N) slikily. That sound

Then he added that, while the old A&E department was not being retained, they had been promised instead "a ca-

So not any old A&E, but a

superduper new unit staffed by dreamboat doctors, like Chicago's ER or the BBC's Ca-

sualty. In other words, out-right victory to the blackmail gang! Labour cheered with maniscal delight.

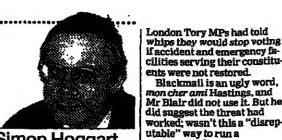
sualty unit, which instead of having nurses would have qualified doctors 24

said, suavely. So he must have been de-

them. Mr Harry Greenway stood up to name another.

poised and even debonair.

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Simon Hoggart

T was one of the great PM's Question Times, which I shall be describing in the next century when young journalists come to pay their respects at the Home for Retired Sketchwriters. (It's called "Bullshitters". We're not actually cared for, but we sit on the belcony and write rude things about the staff.)

It began with Jacques Ar-nold, the Undead Tory MP for Gravesham, who began with a question so greasy, so lus-trously thick and oily, that it could be used as Swarlega industrial cleanser.

I believe Mr Arnold "lives' in a collin, buried every midnight in unconsecrated ground near Cheapside. There the whips dig him up every morning, and drive him, drip-ping with soil, to the Commons where, exposed to the light of day and threatened with garlic and crucifixes, he is powerless to deny their

bidding. He began in his familiar croak: "Will you agree that the firm and resolute manage-ment of the British economy ated the best-performing economy in Europe?"

Many top greasers would feel this was enough. Not Mr Arnold. "...tragedy if this were to be thrown away by a Labour government. .

On and on he droned. At least Boris Karloff's voice went up and down a bit ("an icicle inserted in the brain will melt, and leave no trace"). Normally the Prime Minister would be bobbing around, ready to chip in with fascinat-

recovery. However, in the light of what happened later, Mr Major might have been grateful if Mr Arnold had carried on rattling his chains for the whole 15-minute session.

For the next questioner was Tony Blair. He wanted to now if it was true that two

Protests planned over suspect beef products banned at home

Row risks efforts to ease ban

French fury at fodder exports

RENCH farmers were preparing to hold nationwide anger grew yester-day over claims that Britain continued to export suspect animal feed after it had been

oined in the attack yesterday, with Liberation describing support for the partial lifting John Major's policies as "un-equalled political cynicism". But Whitehall reacted angrily yesterday to claims that British firms exported tainted meat and bone meal to other

European Union countries. Downing Street dismissed it as "a ridiculous and damaging story" which could hinder

frantically to produce a framework deal ahead of next weekend's Florence summit, pean Commission had always known its policies on such products since the late 1980s.

Disclosures on British feed exports, which Libération said tonnes in January this year, could force a rethink of President Jacques Chirac's recent demands for more understanding of the British position and of a ban on beef derivatives. French opposition accuse

tions that the government has been complacent have poisoned the atmosphere in par-liament. The agriculture minister. Philippe Vasseur, has blamed France's former Socialist government, which fell in 1993, for falling to carry efforts to resolve the beef war. | out strict controls on imports

But Mr Vasseur has now confirmed that imports of sus-pect animal feed from Britain doubled after the British ban on their domestic use. This led the Socialists' former bud-get minister, Michel Char-asse, to accuse Gaullist gov-ernments of failing in their duty, although France was the first to ban British beef. "I find it absolutely amaz-ing that Britain has the cheek

to knock at Europe's door while asking us to accept its filth," Mr Charasse said. The row erupted after the journal. Nature, yesterday highlighted the pattern of British exports of meat and bonemeal at the end of the

In June 1988, the British government banned the use of ruminant-derived protein in ruminant food. Significantly, in 1989, Brit-

exports to France increased banned the import of British animal-based feed unless destined for non-ruminants, and in 1990, France banned the ports to France fell sharply

But there the arguments begin. Ground-up dead sheep and cattle could still be fed to pigs and poultry, in Britain and abroad. So it could still be exported, and what importers used it for was up to them. As the British ban in 1988 caused prices to plummet, the French believe that cheap feed was snapped up in

Le Monde

Vache folle » : la Grande-Bretagne a exporté essivement des farines animales contaminées La France a été l'acheteur principal de ces aliments pour bétail





Tally Ho! A Le Monde cartoon portrays a cynical Britain

Tension rises

as Russian poll

violence flares

Dayld Hearst in Moscow

ENSION mounted yes-terday in Russia's most violent election campaign since the fall of the Soviet Union, as Chechen rebel separatists appeared poised to disrupt local elec-tions and two politicians were

A neighbour of Viktor Mosalov, the mayor of Zhu-kovsky, a Russian serospace research town, found him shot on the staircase outside his home. In Kemerovo, Vla-dimir Oberderfer, a local sec-retary of Vladimir Zhirin-ovsky's Liberal Democratic Party, was shot in the head by man who had stopped to buy ligarettes in a kiosk.

The attacks follow a bomb explosion on Tuesday in the Moscow metro, which killed four passengers and severely injured II.

Chechenia reacted with fury each polling station — to check to Moscow's apparent acquithe count. Yesterday, the escence to a decision by loyalin Grozny on Sunday, in breach of an agreement reached in Nazran earlier

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the leader of the Chechen rebels, said that any attempt to couple local elections to the national poll, also on Sunday, would "provoke a response". Last night, Russian officials

were desperately trying to keep the Nazran agreement on track. Under the deal, Russia promised to hold elections in Chechenia after federal

Gennady Zyuganov, the pain communist challenger, pain communist challenger, paign run by Mr Yeltsin to link Stalinist atrocities to today's Communist Party. main communist challenger, blamed Mr Yeltsin's policies for the wave of violence. "Un-fortunately, we pay for these policies with someone's blood

every day," he said.

Mr Zyuganov claimed that
he had practically won the

ported the ideals of "national patriotism and social justice". After the metro blast, Mr Yeltsin said the act "belonged to the forces of the past" — a

reference to the communists. The pre-election claims of both candidates in a race that is bound to be tight is already putting pressure on the offi-cials of the Central Election Commission. The national organisation has already shown its loyalty to Mr Yelf-— but the threat of fraud will be greatest at a local level.

Pressure on officials who

conduct the count at Russia's 93,000 polling stations started in January this year, after the communists swept to victory in parliamentary elections. The prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, said "the corresponding conclusions" would be drawn about regional officials in areas where the communists won.

The communists are sending 180,000 observers - two to organisation supporting Mr five to each polling station.

Presidential supporters in

the upper house of parliament recently killed a bill by demo-cratic deputies to establish a politically neutral observer presence in polling stations. Nikolai Petrov of the Carne-

gie Endowment for International Peacs said: "The capacity for falsification is unlimited."

Mr Petrov said the commu-nists will try to improve the result in their heartlands in the knowledge that pro-Yeltsin regional officials will troops had been withdrawn.
Grigory Yavlinsky, the leading democratic challenger to President Boris Yeltsin said Chechenia was once the verge of war.

The climate of fear has been fooliad by an effective came

After years of official neglect of the victims of the Gulag, a memorial was un-veiled to victims in Magadan, he had practically won the election, saying that two-thirds of the country sup-killed by the Bolsheviks.

Berkoff struts his over the top stuff

Michael Billington Coriolanus Mermaid Theatre

O DOUBT who is in charge at the Mermaid; Steven Berkoff reopens the theatre with a Coriolanus signed and in which he stars. And there's the rub: a strong. stylish and visually coherent production gives Berkoff

in New York six years ago I saw the same production with Christopher Walken as a mean and moody Caius Marcius. But Berkoff's Coriolanus becomes a leering, sneering, jack-booted Mussolini-esque ascist. It's one way of seeing the part but it Irons out much of the colour and contrast.

Even in Shakespeare's least likeable hero there is light and shade. But, significantly, Ber-koff cuts Coriolanus's lines reflecting his concern for a poor man who gave him hospi-tality and even reverses his thatred of public praise by showing him glorying in hero-worshipping chants.

The best feature of a way

over the top performance is its sardonic humour. This Coriolanus, accused by the people of being a traitor, goes around silently mouthing the word like some East End bruiser

looking for a scrap. A lot, however, depends on one's vantage point. Both Ber-koff's performance and the production look much better from far off. After the interval I moved from my front seat, where I could see the plumbing standing out on Berkoff's neck, to the back row where

Tim Radford Science Editor

Scientists in California behind the most common

form of human cancer. Basal cell carcinoma, a skin cancer which strikes around

US scientists find genetic

key to fighting skin cancer

32.000 people in Britain every collaborators and a dermatolyear, stems from a faulty very sion of a gene first found in a hospital.

everything gained in perspective. The set, consisting of six black columns and patterned parquet-flooring, suddenly looked impressive. And Ber-koff's stylised, choreographed production acquired the shape and rhythm of a rather brutal version of Les Sylphides.

His real strength through out, in fact, lies not in exploration of Shakespeare's sinewy language but in mime and ians whirl like dervishes armed with staves and clubs. Volumnia and Virgilia in their opening scene deftly sewith invisible thread. Huge doors are evoked

through the grunting strain of their being parted. And, at the very end, Berkoff's fascist anti-hero goes to a deliant death as he wrests an imagined sword from his stomach. The overall effect, aided by Mark Glentworth's percus sive music, is like a piece of Japanese theatre. The problem, of course, is

that Shakespeare makes his points through language. And the only performers to give the verse its due are Faith Brook as an Icily impassioned Volumnia, Colin McFarlane as a towering Aulidius and John McEnery as a subtle Cominius who at the climax rather creepily puts the peace treaty back in his briefcase.

As a piece of staging, the production looks highly disciplined and controlled not least in its marshalling of the excellent ensemble. One just wishes Berkoff showed the same sensitivity to the verse as he does to the volatile possi bilities of movement.
This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

fruit Dy. The news, revealed in the US Journal Science today, opens new opportunities for treatment. "Now that we have identified a gene, researchers may be able to develop drugs that could be applied directly to the skin for treatment of these cancers," said Ervin Epstein, one of the collaborators and a dermatologist at San Francisco general

Maev Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

SEX was regarded as just as much fun in prehistoric times as it is today, according to a British archaeologist who has reinterpreted ancient objects believed to have been spear straighteners and figures of women giv-ing birth as dildos and women masturbating.

Timothy Taylor attacks the belief that sex in prehistoric times was purely for interpreted as spear reproduction or of ritual straighteners or batons.

A spear straightener. . .? of his theory, Objects

Sex and the prehistoric tool

carved as phalluses, widely found in Upper Palaeolithic art, have been ingeniously

interpretation, that sex was also for enjoyment, and that the objects were erotic, has been missed.

Mr Taylor, of the Department of Archaeological Science (Archaeological Science)

diido," Mr Taylor writes in the July issue of British Archaeology,
A gold penls decoration
with a perforated end was
found with a skeleton
which scems to have been
buried face down in the

earth with penis erect, in an early Copper Age grave at Varna, Bulgaria. "The value of the material sug-gests the object was meant

A recumbent figure of a Neolithic woman from Hagar Qim in Malta, inter-preted by another archaeologist as a woman on the point of giving birth, could only be seen that way by a society accustomed to hos-pital births, Mr Taylor

has been missed.

Mr Taylor, of the Department of Archaeological Science at Bradford university, has re-examined some startling objects, in pursuit like a modern 'double' ous explanation."

One Ice Age specimen, insists.

The Hagar Qim woman is not giving birth at all.

France, is carved as two penises set at an angle—"just one hand languidly supporting her head."

Thatcher scorns Major with Euro cash gift

continued from page 1 withdrawing their support unless ministers capitulated

in a local hospital row.
Sir John Gorst, veteran MP
for Hendon North, and Harrow East's Hugh Dykes, apologised for the way in which Both Mr Major and the their supposedly discreet Health Secretary, Stephen coup ended up receiving front Dorrell, denied succumbing

page publicity.

But they were in the dog-house for undermining Mr Major's authority for some-thing as parochial as the sav-ing of a casualty unit at Edg-

ware hospital.

to blackmail, "There is no possibility of the Government responding to approaches of that sort," the prime minister told the Commons. Few MPs

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'New start' for boy in slab killing case

N 11-YEAR-OLD boy Who killed an elderly woman by toppling a concrete slab from a wer block was given a fresh, but closely supervised, start in life yesterday by a senior judge, with the approval of police and relatives of his

Although convicted of man-Although convicted of man-slaughter, the boy was spared a detention order, which Lord Justice Potter said risked bringing him into contact with "some pretty unruly children" and upsetting a new start which had already seen a "dramatic" change in his behaviour.

At Leeds crown court, the

posed a "real sentencing problem".

The judge emphasised the severity of the tragedy at the 12-storey tower block in the suburb of Kirkstall. Edna Condie, aged 74, was killed instream education.

He had also ceased to have her as she returned to Gray.

son Heights after a shopping trip with her husband George the tragedy, which came during a summer holiday spell

"The death of Mrs Condie was a terrible and tragic event which came literally from out of the sky," said Lord Justice Potter. "It has caused terrible distress to Mr Condie and all the Condie Condie and all the Condie

Condie and all the Condie family."

Addressing the chubby, crewcut boy directly, he said:

"You may not have understood everything that has gone on here, but you do understand that there are now a lot of people taking a vary serious interest in you, because of this very serious thing that has happened?"

The boy whispered "Yes", repeating the word when the judge asked him to confirm that he would accept the in-

At Leeds crown court, the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was placed on a three-year supervision order. The judge said that he was well aware of "proper public concern" over the tragedy at Grayson Heights, Leeds, but that any case involving a defendent aged only 10 at the time of the manslaughter posed a "real sentencing" the how said that the family

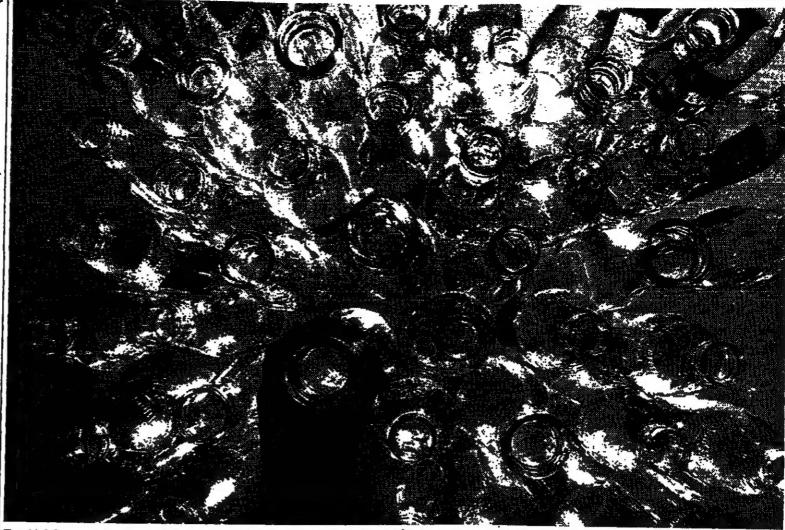
the boy, said that the family had moved five miles from Kirkstell after the tragedy, and that the boy had flour-ished after transferring from

ing a summer holiday spell when other children, including several older ones, had played "dare" games on the roof and had thrown bottles.

Lord Justice Potter said that he had been left in no doubt that the boy was easily influenced and anxious to imin particular had led him on.
The court heard that
George Condie had expressed
sorrow for the boy and felt no

Detective Chief Inspector
Bob Browell, who led the investigation, said after the
hearing that he was satisfied
that the matter had come to
court, had been fully considered and a sentence had been Mr Stowe said after the

hearing. 'It may be that those who do not know the back-ground would say that this



Touch of glass . . . Robert Benewick, a professor at Sussex university, shows off some of his collection of 500 milk bottles dating from 1890 PHOTOGRAPH ROSER BAME

Safety first after lake drownings

Martin Wainwright

safety measures at a deep lake where two "gallant and selfless" men died in icy water as they tried to rescue a drawning sebelief. drowning schoolgirl.

The move follows a call yes-terday by West Yorkshire coroner David Hinchcliff after an inquest heard warning no-tices and lifebuoys had been

Mee, aged 48, and retired shopkeeper Jack Crawshaw, Hinchcliff recorded a verdict of misadventure on the three

victims. Mr Hinchcliff said the emergency services and park staff should prepare new emergency measures, including a review of personnel in the park. The inquest heard that the usual four-strong team of staff had been on Christmas time off on December 28 when the three died.
Pathologist : Clare McDonfor five hours at Pontefract general infirmary. Group maintenance man-ager Peter Hardaker said he had left the lake unsupervised

He was trained in first aid, but the complexities of rescue on ice-bound water had not

ice warning signs had been wrecked and two lifebuoys flung far out on to the toe.

walking a dog which alipped its lead end ran on to the ice. Tracey said she was going for the dog. I told her not to. I heard her shout 'Heip' and when I looked round she was in the water and the ice had broken." Mr Hinchelff said: "This is

a tragedy of the most appalling proportions in which I have had to consider the gallantry, heroism and selfiess actions of these men. Mr Mee's widow, Liz, said

after the hearing: "Safety round lakes like Hemsworth should be improved so that the tragedy affecting us can-not claim any more families."

OLICE and park staff are to draw up new

ripped down by vandals at: Hemsworth water park pear Wakefield, where 11-year-bid Tracey Pattison fell through thin ice on the 26ft deep lake Off-duty firefighter Mick

ald said the three died from cardiac arrest in the minus

The Guardian

Offer.

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on some chocolate and

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some grease

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Labour MPs win damages over claim of **'IRA support'**

ABOUR MPs Clare Short and Kevin McNamara yesterday won substantial damages and apologies in the High Court for an article which claimed they were "well known for their support of Sinn Fein/IRA and a

united republican Ireland". The Guardian took their press release issued by Stuart Sexton, Conservative Party candidate in the Northern Ire-land constituency of North Down, and Paul Megarity, his

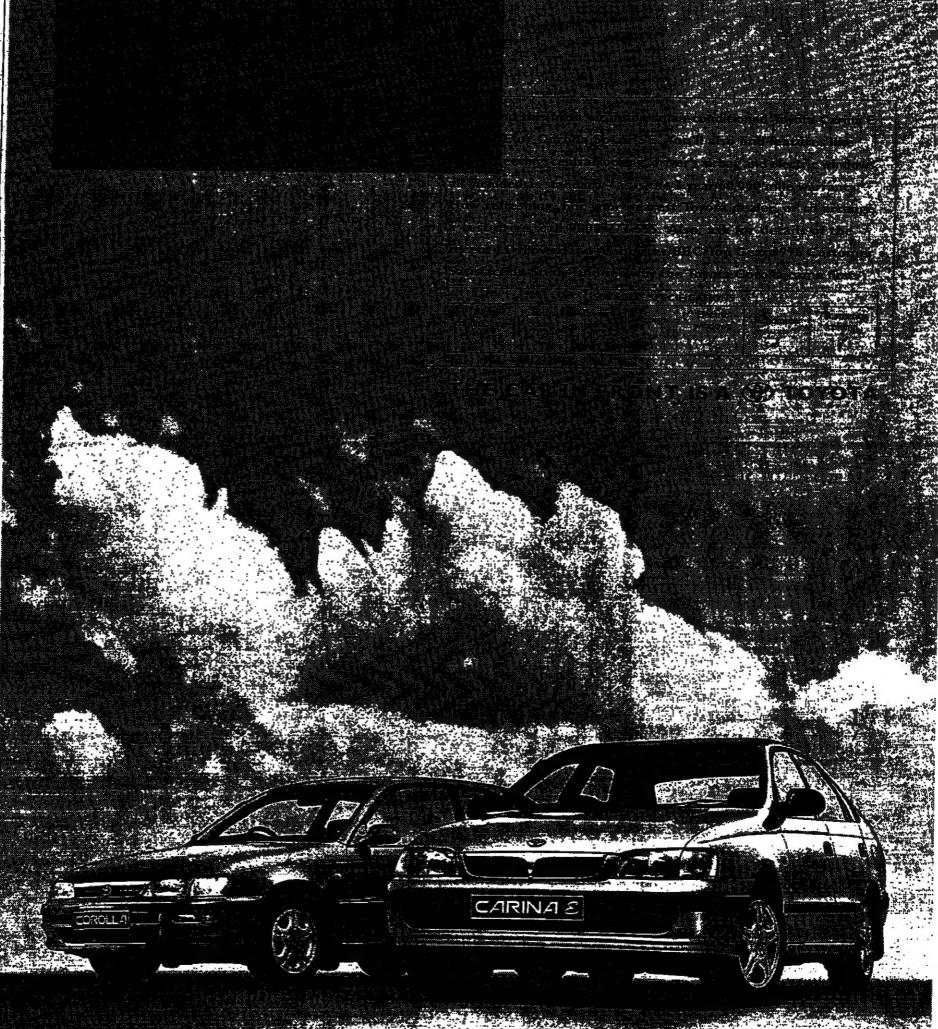
election agent.
Geoffrey Bindman, representing the MPs, told Mr Justice French: "This comment erted that Ms Short and Mr McNamars supported the IRA, and implied thereforethat they supported a move-ment which promoted political terrorism in Northern

He said that Mr Sexton and Dr Megarity now accepted that the MPs had never supported the IRA or any party promoting terrorism and the Guardian had already acknowledged this before the

action began.
"In fact, both Ms Short and Mr McNamara have maintained total public opposition to the use of terrorist violence throughout their parliamen-tary careers," said Mr

Bindman.
He said the three parties were now apologising unre-servedly in open court "for any distress and embarrassment that the comments in the article and the press

release may have caused' The MPs had accepted damages and were happy that the parties admitted that there was no foundation for the comments and that their reputations pad



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Poverty lesson . . . Peter Lilley speaking on welfare reform and Christian values at Southwark cathedral, south London

Lilley challenges 'poor getting poorer' claim in sermon on poverty

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

commissioned run-up to the general election to counter the accusation that the poor have got poorer Peter Lilley, Social Security

The findings "challenge any contention that those on sald in a speech on welfare reform and Christian values at Southwark cathedral, south London.

The minister, a practising Anglican, used the speech to stify in a Christian context his approach to relief of pov-erty. The Church, he argued, had a right to speak out on poverty and help the needy, but it had no mission to seek greater equality in society. sight of God and before the law. But I searched my con-

equality and award equal in-comes for equal effort, risk or skill." Mr Lilley said.

The speech followed a recent report by the Joseph Rowniree Foundation, argu-ing that millions of people could be pulled out of poverty by increasing their state benefits by £15 a week.

Mr Lilley said a £15-a-week
increase would cost £6.5
billion and mean an extra 1.2

million and mean an extra 12 million people would become entitled to benefit and "pushed into dependency". The new research, due to be published shortly, has been ordered by Mr Lilley to challenge assertly has been ordered. lenge assertions — based on "snapshot" official data that the gap between the rich and the poor has widened greatly since 1979 and that the number of people living in poverty has tripled.

The study has looked at the national insurance records of

cordance in vain — with the possible exception of the parable of the vineyard — for suggestions that we must pursue equality and award equal incomes for acual effort rick or terms by 1993, compared to less than 75 per cent of the sample as a whole.

Moreover, the earnings of the lowest-earning fifth rose 42 per cent over the period, compared to an increase of 38 per cent enjoyed by the highst-earning fifth. Mr Lilley said about three

in four of those leaving jobs were back in employment within a year. "The greater inequality observed by the snapshot studies ... has more to do Chris Smith, shadow social

security secretary, said many of Mr Lilley's remarks had shown a "complete divorce from reality".

Paul Goggins, national co-ordinator of the Church Action on Poverty pressure group, said: "This speech was billed as a serious contribution to Christian thinking, a sample of men aged 25-44 for the period 1978-1983. According to Mr Lilley, it shows that real theology.

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Divorce bill 'salvaged'

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ast night confident of having salvaged the troubled family Law divorce reforms, after ministers accepted a package of concessions demanded by port at the third reading in the Commons next Monday.

Gary Streeter, minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, stressed the Government was backing the amend-ments to strengthen the bill notably on issues of domestic violence and provisions for children.

"No deals have been sought or done. Our object is to build a consensus. The House must decide," he said.

The Government has agreed to accept three amend-ments tabled yesterday by capour which require the right of children to be repre-sented by a third party in court proceedings, the right of police to intervene in cases of domestic violence, and the acceptance that mediation would not be appropriate in cases of domestic violence.

late on Labour's demands for sion splitting", whereby div-orced couples will be entitled pension. Lest night Labour's legal af-

fairs spokesman Paul Boateng warned the Government that it could still not rely on the party's support on Monday, when it would be pre-senting its full demands to The Government is aware

the bill remains vulnerable on amendments involving issues of religious conviction or conscience, where Tory rebels could oppose it in a

free vote.

Mr Streeter said the Government was willing to look favourably on a "religious beliefs" clause, if it is tabled allowing a court to refuse a divorce if a family is plunged into hardship or ostracised by

But he made clear the Government would not accept an amendment proposed by Dame Jill Knight proposing a clause allowing couples to "conscientiously object" to the new divorce law by insist-

Labour reform of lottery could include cap on profits

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

THE £1 million-a-week profits of Camelot, the operator of the National Lottery, could be capped under a Labour government, the party said vesterday.

yesterday. Jack Cunningham, the shadow national heritage secretary. floated a series of possible reforms, includ-ing increasing from five to eight the number of good

eight the number of good causes receiving cash.
Camelot, heavily criticised last week after announcing pre-tax profits of £77.5 million, was warned the rules are likely to change at the end of its seven year licence period.
"We will look for a change, perhaps to a 'not for profit' organisation to run the lottery or a cap on profits."

Mr Cunningham said.

Speaking at a Fablan seminar in London, he unveiled the preliminary findings of Labour's National Lottery advisory groupdue to make recommendations in the autumn. The new good causes could run as time-limited, cash-limited projects. Money could be used to train teachers in the advantages of new technologies, help pensioners insulate their houses and give schoolchildren access give schoolchildren access to musical instruments and

Other possible reforms by Labour include separating the two functions performed by Peter Davis, director general of the regulator Oflot, who chooses the operator and regulator is operator and regulates its activities, and allowing bookmakers to take bets on which lottery numbers will

which lottery numbers will be drawn.

Mr Cunningham said it was essential that more of the lottery's profits went back to the people who bought the tickets instead of into Camelot's coffers.

Cook ready to trade sovereignty for progress

John Palmer in Brussels

ABOUR is ready to trade more effective European Union decisions where this is in the interests of the British people, the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, said in

Brussels yesterday.
In a declaration of Labour's
pro-European convictions, Mr
Cook said "the failed Tory
project of confrontation has to be replaced with a culture of co-operation." He also distanced Labour

even further from the Government's beef war tactic of obstruction in the EU.

Mr Cook said that if Mr Major returned from the Florence Flo ence EU summit without a firm date for the lifting of the beef ban the blocking of EU decisions would be seen as a

decisions would be seen as a disastrous failure.

Mr Cook, delivering a John Smith memorial lecture, claimed that responsibility for lack of popular enthusiasm in Britain for the "European project" lay squarely with the Tory policy on confrontation in Brussels.

"What the public wants is a

"What the public wants is a government that can handle our relations with the rest of Europe, not one that deals in heroic failure," he said.

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In remarks which will be studied by other EU governmennts for what they reveal about Labour's attitude to the current Maastricht treaty review, Mr Cook said that "interdependence" in the modern world was more valuable than "independence".

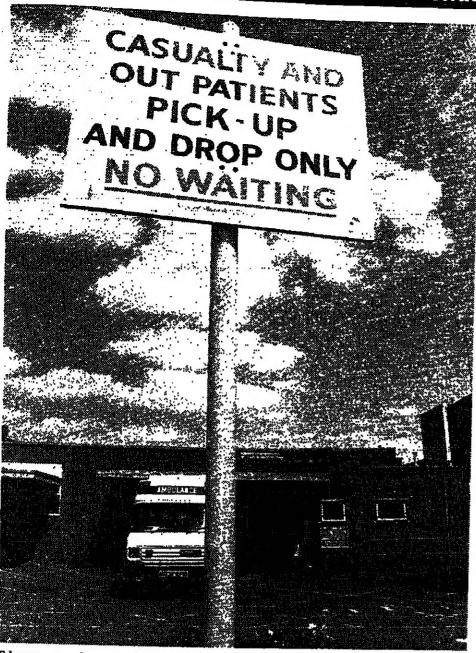
He continued: "It might be necessary to trade part of national sovereignty if it is in the national interest. Sovereignty is not total but relative."

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Accusing Conservatives of tunnel vision, he said that while a loss of national sovereignty might be seen as a threat by national politicians, "losing some of that sover-"losing some of that sover-eign power might be in the interests of the people."

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A little local difficulty in north London ends in Government climbdown as Tories show growing appetite for rebellion











Threatening gestures . . . Four Tories, from left, Sir George Gardiner, Terry Dicks, George Walden and Sir Julian Critchley have all talked of bringing down the Government. But David Trimble, right, leader of the nine-strong Ulster Unionists, is the man who really has his finger on the election trigger

Michael White Political Editor

OPPOSITION MPs chortled and Conservative loyalists mouthed audible obscenities yesterday at the sight of Sir John Gorst and Hugh Dykes holding ministers over a barrel to defend the casualty department at their local hospital in traffic-choked

north London. It is not that the two highly-experienced Tory backbenchers had done anything very wicked, though Sir John is regarded as unpredictable and Mr Dykes far too Europhile for current backbench ashion. Their crime was to be caught out.

Local MPs had been battling since 1993 to save some form of casualty department at Edg-ware hospital after a new trauma centre is built six miles

Emergency treatment for Edgware shows deals with ministers go on all the time. But are the numbers of Tory backbenchers behaving badly getting out of hand?

tory answers from Mr Dorrell | Ireland . . . Otherwise "I again this month, the pair steadily raised the stakes in the Prime Minister in the divprivate exchanges, culminating in the ultimatum, revealed in yesterday's Daily Telegraph.
Though ministers insist the
final package agreed in 24
hours' intense negotiation on
Tuesday night had been in the works - they never talk under duress — the two MPs had obvi-ously won concessions.

Behind the scenes backbench MPs horse-trade with ministers all the time. Amend that bill. Build that bypass. Keep open that ward. Even retain the historic links be-

ision lobbies". Ministers and whips know who can be bought off, who can be bul-lied, and who means serious business — those members of the unofficial all-party Awk-ward Squad who don't mind unpopularity to press a popu-lar constituency interest or a matter of high policy.

In this Parliament not-so-dis-

creet rebellion has forced retreat on Post Office privati-sation, on VAT on domestic fuel and countiess little deals, sceptic, Sir Ge legislative and local. Since the said he would "whipless nine" — who tion if dropped.

rebelled over Europe in De-cember 1994 — forced John Major to readmit them to the party whip the appetite has grown. Two MPs defected, disgusted at the lack of concessions on the disabled rights bill. A third, Peter Thurnham, resigned the whip.

By leaving Mr Major with a notional majority of one. Mr Thurnham inadvertently stimulated a clutch of colleagues to become the potential man who killed the Government". Threatened with de-selection by his Reigate party, one arch-sceptic, Sir George Gardiner, said he would cause a byelec-

On the pro-European side. Sir Julian Critchley said he might not support Mr Major in a vote of confidence. Buckingham's George Walden, also due to step down at the election, wearily mouthed similar sentiments of disdain over the xenophobic populism

gripping the party.
Populist Terry Dicks voiced undying loyalty to his pre-mier when John Redwood threatened his political life. But the sight of Senator George Mitchell getting the Ulster peace talks job proved too much: he would vote Mr Major out.

The man who really has his finger on the nuclear trigger is David Trimble, whose nine Official Unionist votes buttress Mr Major in power. So far it suits him to keep it that way. But the day may come when something as big as the peace process or as small as a hospital ward could end it all

999 case reveals PM plight

voted against the Govern-ment. Mr Dykes was harassed

one occasion was booed out of a local meeting, When Mr Dorrell succeeded

Mrs Bottomley last year he said he had no intention of revising her decision that only "minor accident treatment" carried out by GPs would be retained at the Edg-

In the same month a 59,000-signature petition was sent to

the Prime Minister calling for

In order to save face in the growing crisis, a management team was drafted in during

July to re-shape the health

management structure cover-ing the north-west London area, including Barnet.

In December Mr Dorrell agreed to meet HOOH cam-paigners. He told them again

he could not reverse what his predecessor had done, but would look into the issue.

Six months later local pressure was building up against the local MPs as no decision

had been forthcoming.
Kate Brown, HOOH cochairwoman, said: "Several
people pointed out at meet-

ings that we had the govern

ment majority sitting in front of us. The suggestion for the

MPs to break ranks was made

repeatedly."
Last Wednesday, the HOOH
committee went to the Commons to have a meeting with

ing the thumbscrews." Mr Dykes said yesterday

Mr Dykes said: "I am de-

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its retention.

Alex Bellos on a hospital rebellion which highlighted Major's perilous Commons position

HE campaign to save Edgware hospital, in north London, has long been a thorn in the Government's side. It has contributed to the downfall of one health secretary, and has now dramatically highlighted the perilous state of John Major's

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Commons majority. This week's threatened rebellion by backbenchers Sir John Gorst (Hendon North) and Hugh Dykes (Harrow East) revived a row which began when the embatiled Virginia Bottomley was accused of "moral cowardice" by Tory MPs for quietly an-nouncing hospital closures in a parliamentary written

Five London Tory MPs failed to support the party in May last year in a vote on her NHS reforms. The Govern-ment survived by 12 votes but it spelt the end of her tenure as health secretary, and she was moved to the Department of National Heritage in July, and was replaced by Stephen

The borough of Barnet is unusual in having two general hospitals: Barnet and Edgware. In 1993 Barnet Dorrell. sir John. Ms Brown said she was surprised when four other MPs, including Mr Dorrell, turned up. She said: "He told us that the health author-Health Agency announced a ty was looking to improve minor accident services. We said rubbish. There are no proposals. We said he was misinfermed. We were applyfive-year plan to scale down Edgware by shedding its accident and emergency department and moving patients to other hospitals.

Almost immediately Hands Off Our Hospital (HOOH) that he and Sir John had now formed, starting a petition and organising many demonwon an assurance from Mr strations. Five local Tory MPS — Sir John, Mr Dykes, Dorrell that a "specially tailored" accident unit would be retained to serve the hospi-Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent tal's catchment area, manned Northi, John Marshall (Hen-24 hours a day by qualified doctors with full medical don South) and Sir Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet) back-up required to cope with emergencies.

pledged their support.
The campaign to save the hospital gained momentum. lighted with what has been uniting all political parties and the community's reli-gious leaders. Barnet council achieved ... this has been a massive and prolonged camopposed the plans as did more than 300 local family doctors.

paign and I am proud to have been involved." A critical point in the battle came last May when Sir John | Leader comment, page 8

What will people make of us as the year 3000 approaches? They will wonder what we did in the year 2000. They will think us feeble creatures.

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Cocky entertainer tunes into his public

James Meek in Moscow reports on why the ultra-nationalist showman Zhirinovsky is giving Russian pollsters a headache

nearly empty square, parching the weeds between the flagstones and roasting the bandsmen as they shifted the weight of their silver tubas, uncomfortable in their ged column of stupefied-looking teenage policemen shuf-fled into place. Onlookers began to wander up. Smalltown Russia was waiting for Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

More than 100,000 people live in the engineering and textile town of Orekhovo Zuyevo, west of Moscow, but only a handful were in the ultra-nationalist presidential force," he said last week. candidate arrived. A few "There is no other." vall. "We're voting for [Boris] the improvised stage in Orek-

ovsky we'd all be in the army." they said. Voters for Mr Zhirinovsky

are like baby pigeons or lottery winners: you know they must exist, but you never eem to come across them. The reluctance to admit supporting the chauvinist ogy gives Russia's insecure pollsters nightmares as the first round of presidential elections approaches. Mr admit to a wide margin of error. That margin has a name: Vladimir Wolfovich Zhirinovsky. "I am the third

By the time he walked on to

IHE heat filled the I Yeltsin. If we voted for Zhirin- I hovo Zuvevo, to the band's rendition of The Slav Woman's Farewell, the tradiheading off to war, the square had filled with about 2,000

people of all ages. Mr Zhirinovsky, tieless in a pale blue shirt and cream jacket, was sheltered from the sun by a European Union umbrella held by an aide. He began slowly, quietly. Then, after a couple of minutes, the volume and pitch increased Zhirinovsky is supposed to dramatically and the juke-box come fifth. But the pollsters of his brain began to play a of his brain began to play a random selection of popular

> "Russia does have an enemy: the United States of America! Our main enemy! It's preparing war against us. Nato troops will be at the bor

the army has one-and-a-half million soldiers. Is there any other country on earth which has more bandits than soldiers? That's democracy for you, that's their economy!

ty with distinction. The other candidates got Ds and Cs at school and college. This has its meaning. Who quits chool? The lazy! Hooligans!" The crowd cried "Right!" applauding and laughing.

There were many who had come simply to be entertained. Ivan Dezhukov, aged 57. a teacher, said he would probably vote for the Commu-nists. "He speaks very clev-erly. It's a show, it's always interesting to listen."
Even those who say they will not vote for Mr Zhirinovsky consider him an accept able part of the political

popularity is that many of his ideas have been adopted by his opponents. Odium for Nato is standard in the camps of Presi dent Yeltsin and the Communist leader, Gennady Zyu-ganov. Mr Yeltsin's 1994 decision to invade Chechenia

'Is there another country which has more bandits than soldiers? That's

democracy for you'

was taken under the influence of Mr Zhirinovsky's popular-ity, and while Mr Zhirinovsky now calls for northern Ka-zakhstan and southern and eastern Ukraine to be "returned" to Russia, Mr Zyucts to get back both

"We respect Vladimir Wolsaid Nina, aged 49, a busine woman in the crowd. "Zhirin ovsky is out of the ordinary. The things he says, the way he behaves on television it's entertainment. Alexander Semyonov, an

engineer at a local factory who has not been paid for six months, said he would not vote for Mr Yeltsin, but could not decide between Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of the lib-eral Yabloko party, Mr Zyu-ganov and Mr Zhirinovsky. Mr Semyonov said he had voted for Mr Zhirinovsky in 1993 and Mr Yavlinsky in 1995. He was now swinging back to the nationalists, but did not take Mr Zhirinovsky's warmongering rhetoric seriously. "I don't want to have a gun in my hand or wash my feet in the Indian Ocean. Zhir-

inovsky is just playing

Mr Zhirinovsky still wants ers to round up suspected criminals and shoot them en masse. His economic programme consists of raking \$500 billion (£326 billion) from

Voters have watched him half-strangling a woman MP in parliament, throwing Juice in a rival's face during a tele-vision talk show, nuzzling Cic-ciolina, the Italian porn star, and indulging in sleazy banquets featuring his own brand of vodka and champagne.

Not all the electorate is put off by this behaviour. Vladimir Borisov, an engineer, said of the juice-throwing episode: "He did it openly. They do a lot of filthy things se-cretly, behind people's

Mr Zhirinovsky has lost ome confidence since his halcyon days two years ago

paged across Europe like a rock star intoxicated with his first big contract.

Terms such as "comprofeature more often in his speeches now, but it is difficult to know the real Mr Zhir-inovsky: the hatred-preaching demagogic brawler with a touch of Mussolini-style fascist camp, or the alternative comedian mocking the whole business of politics.

Paradoxically for a mar who wants to be a dictator, he is the only candidate who dares to challenge the victim complex of the Russian voter. 'It's time to stop looking for the guilty ones. You're guilty yourselves. Each of you is guilty!" he told the crowd. "You go to the elections and you give them power and they start to deceive you and you start to think what's all this?

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Unions combat Kohl's cuts

parks of Bonn tomorrow to vent their anger at Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl's austerity drive in one of the biggest protests witnessed by the post-war republic.

warn of strike waves and industrial unrest surpassing the riots in France last winter, Mr Kohl's dilemmas in forcing through budget cuts to meet the criteria for joining a single European currency are made worse by opposition moves to wreck the package in the upper house. Union leaders expect some 250,000 people, and perhaps twice that figure, for tomor-

row's mass protest — "For Jobs and Social Justice". Mr Kohl is bent on saving more than £30 billion this year and next, by cutting unemployment and social security benefits and sick pay. raising the retirement age, freezing child benefit and im-

in the huge public sector. The aim is to avert a wors-ening public finances crisis and, above all, come in below the public debt and budget deficit ceilings required for entry to the proposed single

ments of £130 this year.

tence on a two-year public sector pay freeze was an intewhich will now need revision. Mr Kohl was locked in talks overnment of Germany's 16 ederal states on how to share the burden of the cuts. The states are represented by the Bonn, which is controlled by the opposition Social Demo crats. Much of the Kohl package can be blocked by the upper house, and regional Social Democrat leaders say

Social Democrat prime minis-ter of Saxony-Anhalt, said the Kohl package had no chance of passing the Bundesrat.

Economic stagnation and plunging tax revenues result-ing from by the 10 per cent unemployment rate, have also narrowed the government's room for manoeuvre. On Wednesday, Theo Waigel the finance minister, sought to talk the states into making fiscal austerity legally

binding. Mr Waigel, who is the author of the contentious European Union "stability pact" idea, proposed a entry to the proposed single European currency.

But the Kohl scheme faces increasing problems on all fronts. Yesterday, unions and employers agreed an arbitration deal in the months-long public sector pay dispute, awarding the 3.2 million employees a 1.3 per cent pay rise next year and one-off payments of 2130 this year.

European Union "stability pact, legally compelling the 16 states and the federal government not to overstep debt and deficit ceilings. The message is that such enforcement is needed for Germany, Europe's monetary union cheerleader, to qualify for the single currency.



A better catch . . . Workers at the bankrupt Gdansk shippard in Poland go fishing yesterday on the second day of a 48-hour sit-in strike in protest against a government decision to shut the yard PHOTOGRAPH, GZAREK SOKOLOWSKI

The government's insislan Traynor in Bonn

'TO half a million Germans are expected to take to the streets and As trade union leaders

they intend to do just that.
"The working people can't
be disadvantaged," a key regional Social Democrat baron,
Gerhard Schroeder, said

esterday. Reinhard Hoeppner, the

German politician embroiled in spying row on 'long-haired lefties'

Dennis Staunton in Hamburg

HE island resort of Rügen immortalised by Christopher Isherwood in Goodbye to Berlin is at the centre of a spying row that has prompted allegations of a return to the mathematical and the intelligence officer had never asked for information about has prompted anegations of political activists. But he the East German Stasi justified the operation as secret police.

Fifty-six tourism workers claim that an intelligence officer from the state government of Mecklenburg asked them to report sightings of "long-haired left-

our camp site. She gave me her own telephone number in the interior ministry." Mr Bolle refused to co-operate. Rudi Geil, the Chris-

tian Democrat interior minister in the state capital,

rightwing extremism.
But Green Party politicians received a recording of a telephone conversation ings of "long-haired lefties" on the island.

Paul Bolle, director of a spa resort, said: "She asked me to report if politically dubious people appeared on between Mr Bolle and the intelligence officer, flatly contradicting the minister's statement. It includes a specific reference to "lefties who have longish hair or that kind of outfit". between Mr Bolle and the

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key evidence from federal investigators, according to a leak from the Senate commutatee investigating the Whitewater affair, artics donathan Freedland in Washington. The allegation marks the

reveal that Mrs Clinton did 60 hours' work for the Arkansas financial institution at the heart of the Whitewater affair - had been sought by investigators for two years. The Republican-led com-

LILLARY CLINTON will most direct charge yet against private residence in January, mittee, which is due to de the accused of concealing the first couple. The documents — which liver its conclusions next liver its conclusions next week, has interviewed more than 200 aides and White House officials to find out how the documents had come to be in a restricted area of the Clintons' private

team again

United Nations arms inspec-tors were barred yesterday from two more sites near Baghdad, Rolf Ekeus, the head of the UN Special Com-mission in charge of ridding Iraq of weapons of mass de-

struction, sald. The team had been barred from two sites on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Ekeus said all the facilities had belonged to government bodies which concealed documents ons. - Reuter

Doctor in court

François Mitterrand's former doctor went on trial yester-day, charged with violating his oath of secrecy by reveal-ing that the late French president had had cancer since 1982. — AP.

Sarraj for another 15 days for

Activist jailed A secret Palestinian military tribunal yesterday jailed the human rights activist Eyad

Iraq bars arms allegedly assaulting a police man, Mr Sarraj denied assault and drug charges and said he had been beaten since he was detained on Sun-day. — AP

Net profits

In a unique deal, Norwegian journalists yesterday won contractual protection and small cash payments for work published on the Internet and

Burma clampdown Burma's military government erected hoardings across the

country denouncing Aung San Suu Kyi's democracy movement yesterday, as the official media repeated calls for her to stop disturbing the country. - Reuter.

Banger and splash Ships were alerted and bomb disposal experts rushed to de-fuse a "bomb" bobbing about in Hong Kong harbour. It

day. - Reuter.

turned out to be an enormous sausage, the South China Morning Post said yester-As more results emerged | coalition.

early Bosnia poll Julian Borger in Sarajevo and Ian Black in London

West pushes for

OSNIA is in danger of Bermanent partition between the Muslim-Croat Federation and Serb separatists if vital elections are not held on time, the international mediator Carl Bildt warned yesterday.

the start of the conference reviewing the Dayton peace plan six months into Nato's year-long mandate, Mr Bildt insisted that it was better to hold elections in imperfect conditions than to delay them.

"The longer this process is delayed, the more diffi-cult it will be, and the greater the risk that partition could not be overcome and the peace agreement on this vital point will be un-fulfilled," he said.

Forty governments and international organisations are expected to back him today by announcing September 14 — the last possible date — as the election over whether they can be free and fair.

The final decision lies with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Osce), which will be supervising the poll, but it is under heavy pres-sure from Western governments not to postpone it.

Mr Bildt told the confer-

ence: "The forces of ethnic separation are stronger than the forces of ethnic reintegration... Without a fundamental improvement in respect for ... basic human rights, the peace process itself runs into

severe difficulty. The most divisive issue is the international community's policy towards indicted war criminals, and in par-ticular the Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzic

and General Ratko Mladic. The president of the United Nations war crimes tribunal, Antonio Cassese, called on the 60,000-strong peace implementation force | not committed their funds.

as soon as possible. And in Brussels a Nato official said clearer instructions to track down suspected war

"I-For will do more to help secure the proper en-vironment for elections," a British official said.

'There will be more troops on the ground to ensure that conditions for freedom of movement exist. "They will be more visible and that will make it more difficult for Karadzic and Mladic to move

The United States defence secretary, William Perry, defended the role of I-For yesterday. Speaking in Brussels, he said Bosnia was enjoying its first peace ful spring in five years. But he warned that the peace-

keepers were in for a "long. tough summer". The Dayton agreement split Bosnia into two roughly equal entities: the Muslim-Croat Federation. to form part of a single state, Bosnia and Hercego-vina, represented at the

titutious. Six months after its deployment, I-For has succeeded in demilitarising the front lines and coaxing the opposing armies back to barracks, but Mr Bildt and other civilian agencies have been far less successful in promoting reinteg-ration. Only a handful of more than 2 million refu-

gees have been able to cross the ethnic boundaries cre-ated by the war. The World Bank said yesterday it would urge inter-national donors to pay out promised aid money to make sure there is a visible peace dividend before the elections. The international community has pledged £1.2 billion for reconstruction in 1996, but the bank said in a report that several key donors had

Turkish Cypriots | Haile Selassie snub the Queen 'murdered'

ACOCKTAIL party at the British high commissioner's residence in Cy-prus to celebrate the Queen's birthday turned sour after more than 200 of the guests failed to arrive, writes Chris Drake in Nicosia. They were all Turkish Cypriots, banned from at-

tending at the last moment by their leader. Rauf Denktash, in what international diplomats described as a de-

diplomats described as a de-liberate snub.

Armed guards at the crossing point on Nicosia's "Green Line" refused to open the barrier to let the crowds of smartly-dressed businessman and their ousinessmen and their wives walk to the Greek Cypriot side for fish and chips and British beer.

AILE SELASSIE'S doctor said yesterday that the former Ethiopian emperor

did not die of natural causes, writes Alice Martin in Addis He was testifying at a tribu-nal against the country's for-mer Marxist rulers who are

accused of genocide and of murdering the emperor. Dr Asrat Woldeyes de-scribed his first visit to Haile Selassie in custody and said there was a mounted machinegun aimed at the em-

peror's camp bed.

"Haile Selassie said he was
not sick and did not need a

Jailed Ershad brews freedom deal as coalition price

Agencies in Dhaka

ANGLADESH'S jailed for-president. General Hossain Mohammad Ershad. is likely to demand his freedom as the price for a coalition that could put one of the country's two rival women politicians into power.

yesterday from Wednesday's election, the Awami League, whose anti-corruption campaign brought down the previous government earlier this year, extended its lead, But it was still unclear if the party, led by Sheikh Hasina, would win enough seats to control parliament or whether it would have to try to form a

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US sanctions loom as congress clears president

Colombia drops Samper charges

Mary Matheson in Bogotá

N A MIDNIGHT vote, Colombia's congress decided to halt impeachment pro-ceedings against Presi-dent Ernesto Samper over ac-

cusations that he accepted money from drug traffickers.

The decision is almost certain to bring swift retaliation from the United States, which had threatened to impose sanctions if Mr Samper were

judged there was insufficient evidence formally to accuse Mr Samper of taking 12 million from the Cali drug cartel for his 1994 election campaign

same crimes as the president, said Ingrid Betancourt, Businessmen are consider-

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dent would be to condemn themselves. from the United States, which had threatened to impose sanctions if Mr Samper were absolved.

In a vote of more than two to one on Wednesday night, the 154 representatives judged there was insufficient evidence formally to accuse Mr Samper of taking M inilian from the Cali drug cartel

lion from the Cali drug cartel for his 1994 election campaign.

The decision came as no surprise in Colombia, where the congressional investigation was largely viewed as a farce. "Those who absolved the president are politicians who received money from the cartels and committed the same crimes as the presi-

yesterday, outlining a new of-fensive against drug traffick ing and a solution to the political crisis. He may announce a government of national unity. But his critics have made it clear they are unwill-

ing to join a coalition.

He may instead let the people decide if he should stay in power by calling a referendum. Latest opinion polls show 31 per cent think he should stay, and 28 per cent believe he should resign.

Washington's reaction will Opposition to Mr Samper has grown since January, when his former campaign manager accused him of taking the drug money. Business leaders, some conservative of two top Colombian public conservatives.

But a harsh reaction from the US government could fuel anti-American sentiment and boost Mr Samper's poll



Borne free . . . Juan Carlos Gaviria, the kidnapped brother of the former Colombian president Cesar Gaviria, was freed in return for his captors' passage to Cuba. "His muscles had not moved in two months," a policeman said PHOTOGRAPH: MERCOTH DAVENSOR!

Brazil's poor pay bloody price in battle for land

Gavin O'Toole

Oziel Alves Pereira mouthed "MST" the initials of Brazil's Sem

Terra (Landless) Movement
— before he became the latest
victim in a low-intensity war
racking Brazil.

The killing of Pereira and
at least 18 other MST demonstrators staging a protest near
Maraba in the north-eastern
state of Para has become emblematic of a broader struggle blematic of a broader struggle over land in Latin America. Forensic reports suggest the 17-year-old was shot execution-style, at point-blank range, after state police dis-

persed the protesters. A local priest denounced the killings as premeditated — a claim strengthened when a man identifying himself as a local farmer alleged on Globo television that landowners had paid police to rid them of squatters.

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The massacre in late April has dramatically exposed the contradiction between President Fernando Henrique Cardoso's commitment to social reform — including lend distribution land distribution — and to mation, in particular the modernising the economy.

The process of rural modernIndigenous Mexicans face the

groups throughout Latin America which have long ad-vocated the occupation of un-productive or idle land as a solution to rural poverty. Its

Demarcated Indian areas are exposed to legal claims by rapacious corporations

leaders say there are 5 mil-lion landless peasants and la-

The concentration of land in Brazil is staggering: 1 per cent of landowners control 44 per cent of productive farmland, while 53 per cent of farmers eke out a living on 25 per cent of the land 2.6 per cent of the land.

has been exacerbated by the emergence of vast estates, spurred by federal incentives, which ostensibly seek to ex-ploit economies of scale for export production. Many, however, serve as a simple hedge against inflation.

curred in an area dominated by vast mining and livestock projects, laying bare the issue at the heart of the debate over land use — that unchecked commercial development fuels social conflict fuels social conflict.

This debate can be seen as a



Other worlds

social needs of Latin Ameri-ca's 150 million rural dwellers. MST's rightwing critics de-ride its efforts as a futile attempt to recreate inefficient subsistence farming.

Outside Brazil, nowhere has the market outlook pre-vailed more than in Mexico, where deregulation of tenure was one of the sparks that ig-nited the Chiapas rebellion.

Tension over land has been heightened by the region's broader economic transformodernising the economy.

The process of rural modernisation is land intensive and excludes the rural poor.

Founded 12 years ago, MST maize, and highland is the most well-organised of the most well-organised organised organised organised organised organised organised organised organised or

toes from Europe.

The most dramatic symbol in Brazil of the clash between market and social agendas came in January in the form of decree 1775, which exposes previously demarcated Indian lands to legal claims by rapacinus corporations cious corporations.

Mr Cardoso gave an unequivocal electoral commit-ment in 1994 to tackle inequality. But Para has fuelled suspicions that his commit-ment to social reform was merely a footnote to his macroeconomic imperatives.
While the snail's pace of social reform may say more

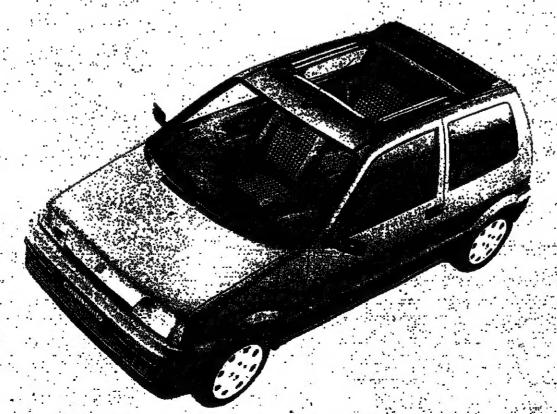
about the scale of inequality in Brazil and its political sys-tem, the outery over the mas-sacre has confirmed that the high hopes that accompanied Mr Cardoso's accession have evaporated.
Stung by criticisms, he has doubled the budget for an ex-

Inequality, epitomised by isting land reform project, entrenched landowning elites, tion languishing in congress, moved to tackle police impu-nity and unveiled a social

spending package.
But while Mr Cardoso's rediscovery of a social agenda may be the most fitting tribute to Pereira's sacrifice, it is a gesture unlikely to address countryside between market and social demands.

Ten farm workers were killed in a shootout after 300 landless peasants occupied a farm in Maranhao state. porthern Brazil, on Monday, ian reform between market yesterday. The state gover-prescriptions aiming to maxi-mise the productivity of ex only one person was killed.





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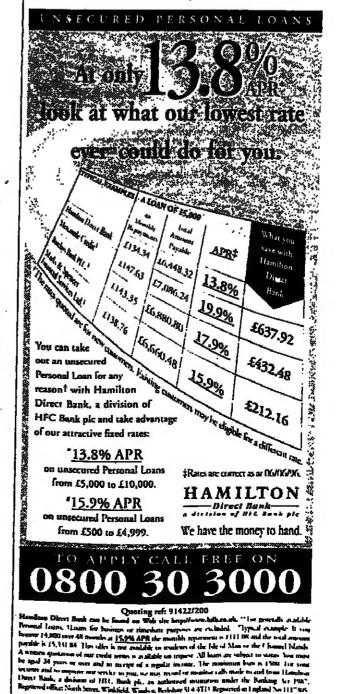
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When care is a dirty word

Ministers must do more to wipe out child abuse

national inquiry into abuse in chil- abused again when placed in care. dren's homes. Dusk descended disappointingly with only one of the immediate tasks agreed, one fudged, and one ducked altogether. There will be no be asked to assess whether the safethe Prime Minister provided sufficient information at Question Time to judge the main outline.

abused by paedophiles over 20 years. This will be the sixth inquiry into the Welsh situation but this time it will cautious councillors, lawyers and insurance companies to insist on the full facts being disclosed. One of its tasks will be to set out why an earlier report from a special three-member inquiry was withheld from publication earlier this year. The new tribunal is a welcome cabinet decision, which should help any victims of abuse to receive long overdue compensation and belatedly restore some accountability to a vital social service.

The second task, which had been promised by Downing Street's spin doctors, never materialised: a national inquiry which could provide an anxious to bang the drum about the shortfall in public with an authoritative picture of what is happening in the nation's 1,000 stead of Warner's high-profile develophomes. This is even more urgent than Clwyd with 10 separate police forces reported to be investigating abuse in children's homes. The number of chil- Warner's idea needs resurrecting with dren placed in homes has dramatically shrunk but they still number about tims are offered proper counselling as. 10,000. They are among the most dam- well as compensation. Perhaps the bigaged and emotionally frail children in gest crime of all is the high suicide rate the country, in desperate need of skilled of the surviving victims.

MINISTERS needed to move on three care and counselling. Perhaps the most fronts to resolve the crisis in children's cruel irony is that the biggest single homes. Yesterday dawned to promising category — about one third of the headlines of an angry Prime Minister, intake — has already been sexually who had "read the riot act" to cabinet | abused and removed from their families colleagues and was ready to order a for their own safety only for some to be

Instead of a national inquiry there detailed statement until Monday but guards which are now in place provide adequate protection. This is the fudge. Undoubtedly, a forward look was even more urgently needed than a review of the past. Unlike yesterday's victims, Clwyd, where up to 200 children in today's 10,000 in care can be protected. seven residential homes may have been | But it needs more than a one-off operation by Sir Bill. It needs a permanent monitoring group, as proposed by the Warner Committee in 1992, goading and have the statutory clout to cut through | promoting children's home managers and governors to improve their procedures and safeguards. There needs to be independent complaint channels - for both children and staff. These can range from helpline phone numbers to independent visitors. The quality of care within the homes needs improving. Eight out of 10 care workers at the time of Warner had no relevant qualification, even though they faced one of the most daunting tasks of social work. We need to know that the selection, supervision and inspection of staff, as proposed by Warner, is not just in place but remains in place. We need a group funds and specialist workers. Yet inment action group, ministers only agreed to a low-profile support group, which was disbanded last year. one further task: to ensure earlier vic-



Heseltine's audit of Britain is thoroughly worthwhile

put a political spin on his third white paper on competitiveness yesterday.but he should not have needed to. It is a thoroughly worthwhile and long overdue exercise examining the roots of Britain's strengths and weaknesses. And, in terms of improving Britain's performance, it is much more important to identify weaknesses than strengths. He knew when he embarked on the project that it would inevitably throw up bad news which the Opposition would seize on and which government would be tempted to sweep under the carpet: but, to his credit, he persevered and now produces an annual audit of the country's competitive position, which any subsequent government would be foolish to abandon. It is difficult to believe that it is the same Michael Heseltine who acquiesced in the assassination of the National Economic Development Office, which was doing similar work on a smaller scale. Mr Heseltine sometimes complains that his efforts to help industry hardly get any column inches in the newspapers. This is true, but inevitable. Take one example. Chambers of commerce and training councils in the Milton Keynes area identified insufficient finance and invest in than indigenous companies management weakness as barriers to do. Maybe this will change only when growth. They solved the problem by the City is convinced that inflation establishing a capital market, where really has been conquered thereby local companies can be introduced to allowing long-term interest rates (curexperienced potential investors. Hardly | rently higher than short term rates) to front-page news but just the sort of fall. But it is unlikely to happen this thing - replicated up and down the side of the general election.

MICHAEL HESELTINE was quick to country - which could transform the

prospects for small companies. The most contentious part of the exercise is the skills audit, which was rather less complimentary to Britain than the deputy prime minister claimed in the Commons. While the information technology skills of our young recruits were among the best, Britain was poor on communication skills, numeracy and vocational training for 19 to 21year-olds. We have improved our performance at A-level or equivalent but are still startlingly behind Germany. Mr Heseltine admits that we need to "improve our performance, particularly in basic literacy and numeracy and key skills" (which, after 17 years in office, is quite an admission). He is at his most defensive on investment, which is vital for economic growth. While pointing out that the quality of investment is important as well as the quantity, he admits that investment has been slow to rise in the current recovery. Indeed manufacturing investment has fallen during the past two quarters even though company profits are buoyant and inflation cowed. The irony is that foreign investors find Britain a much more attractive place to

The pork barrels of Edgware

A majority of one enables every MP to rule the Government

emergency unit not an accident and doubtless be further discredit to an emergency unit? Answer: when it is in Edgware. In Edgware, an A&E unit isn't it time they all grew up?

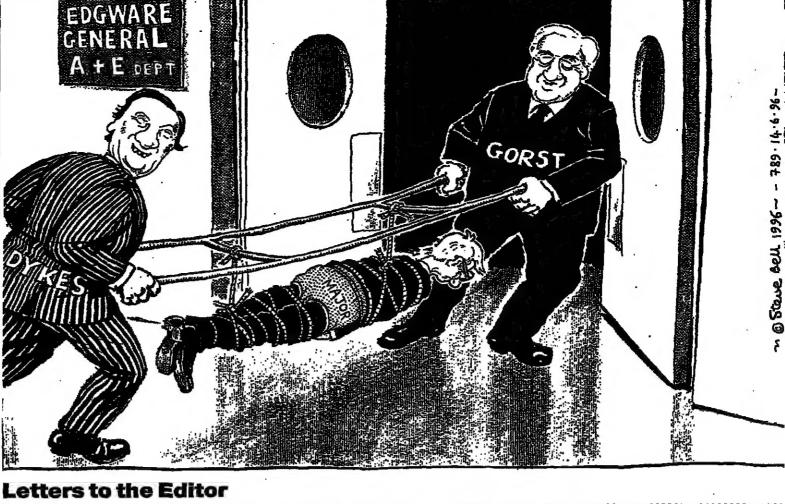
When a government has a second carrier of the control of the sualty unit with nurses and doctors on hand for 24 hours a day, but from which work harder to get the vote out. With a patients may need to be moved when their condition is stable.

Next question: when is political blackmail not political blackmail? Answer: when a government needs a majority. When it needs the votes, to quote a former chief whip, any govern- ment survival is on the knife edge. No ment is compelled to respond to the one who remembers the Callaghan era circumstances in which it finds itself

with a mixture of brutality and bribes. MPs talked a lot of cant about back-bench blackmail at Question Time yesterday. John Major said that it was not to secure votes. Tony Blair said it was a The net effect, in spite of desperate just call it politics.

QUESTION: when is an accident and attempts to patch up an agreed line, will already unravelling government. But

When a government has a small majority or no majority at all, it has to majority of one, every MP controls the Government's future. That is the case today, as the Ulster Unionists, Eurosceptics, and now the friends of Edgware general hospital, have discovered. And it is always the case whenever governcan forget the price which the minor parties and individual MPs (notably the late Harold McCusker) managed regularly to extract at exciting moments. Hugh Dykes and John Gorst are playing acceptable for a government to do deals exactly the same game today, and no amount of high-minded pooh-poohing disreputable way to run a government. will make a jot of difference. Some of us



The bill comes in for children

T SEEMS chilling that every one of the country's leading children's organisations who wrote to you (Letters, June 12) equates minimising dis-tress to children in family break-up with making sure they can "get started on their new lives" within about 12 months. They say that any longer period would be an "adult timescale".

But the date at which divorce goes through is essen-tially about the adults, not the children — the family may have broken up long before. That is what counts with the

Why don't our children's organisations address the most damaging impact of family break-up on children — namely that up to half of them, tens of thousands a year, lose touch with one of their parents for ever? Main-taining the child's relationship with both parents after family break-up seems a very low priority for the courts and for these children's

bodies.
The child still wants both are living apart they are part of the child's own identity. For the child, the family still exists after divorce, even if it now has two centres. Children do need stability, cer tainty and security, but the notion of them "getting started on their new lives" is

an adult-centred concept.

One new amendment to the Family Law Bill will require the courts to consider the 'maintenance of the child's relationship with both parents". At least this is simed at the core of children's distress. Jeremy Andrew. Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SN.

YOU correctly report the Civil Service's goal of appealing to the best graduates from all sources (Lure of Whitehall top jobs palls for university elite, June 13). However, you are mistaken to suppose that there is any shortage of numbers applying now. In fact, competition for fast-stream places is so strong that last year only about 2 per cent of the 12,600 applicants could be offered jobs.

The reason for renewed efforts to cast the Civil Service et wide is concern to ensure that recruitment is carried out according to the traditional principles of "selection on merit by fair and open compe-tition". We do not want good graduates ruling themselves out because they do not fit some inaccurate stereotype of The Men from the Ministry". We want people from all back-grounds. That is the only way to ensure that the country has the best possible, modern Civil Service, carrying out vital responsibilities in the

most effective way. Great steps have been made already. Fast-stream successes in 1993 came from more than 50 educational institutions. most with degrees in pure science or vocational or mathematical sciences.
David Willetts MP.

Parliamentary Secretary, Office of Public Service. 70 Whitehall. ondon SW1A 2AS.

SCHOOL-LEAVERS con-templating a career in en-gineering should think care-fully before taking Tony Higgins's advice to proceed di rectly to university (Top universities threaten £3,000 fees, June 3). From our experience, a pre-university year working in industry gives a considerable long-term advantage. Sir William Barlow. President, Royal Academy of Engineering. 29 Great Peter Street,

London SW1P 3LW.

A lesson in Birtspeak

NNE Karpf's predic- | radio production is not for | tions about the future fate of Network Radio (Sound off, vision on, June 12) are not what the future holds for radio at the BBC.

In a few weeks' time, the BBC will publish its pledges and promises to the listening public about the quality and range of services it under-takes to provide. Inside the BBC there will be a real commitment to ensuring that we

Firstly, the radio channel controllers, under the Director of Radio, Matthew Bannis ter, will continue, as they do now, to commission the best possible radio programmes from the best producers. That will not change.

Secondly, radio will be represented at the highest table in the BBC by Will Wyatt, as Chief Executive of Broadcast-ing, and myself. I have spent 30 years in the BBC as a programme-maker and producer. For the past seven years, I have been responsible for the 250,000 hours of radio we pro-duce annually outside Londad and mum, even if they don. I care passionately about our programmes and their quality. Whatever efficiencies we must drive for in the coming years, the BBC's outstand- 3 & 6 Langham Place, ing track record in quality | London W1A 1AA.

trading.
And then there are the ultiproducers and production

staff. In my experience, they are all quality obsessives, driving all the time for greater creativity and ever higher standards. Our radio audiences are our sternest and most alert critics. If they were ever to detect a downgrading of their radio services, they would be the first to cry foul. So, however I decide we should organise our programme-making

operations under the new structure, and whatever bimedia relationships and partnerships feel appropriate to make sure we maximise the synergies and similarities, it cannot be at the expense of the differences.

Radio cannot, and never will be, television without nictures. It will continue to be its own special medium within an environment that is properly updating itself to recognise a changing world outside. Ronald Neil. Chief executive, BBC Production.

HOSE such as Anne Karpf who allege that there is something new about separatmate quality controllers of ing commissioning from pro-the BBC, the teams of radio duction at the BBC have failed to read their Birtspeak papers from January 1993 onwards. As independent researchers preparing the definitive ac-

count of the management of change at the BBC (Producer Choice), we accept that the Birt way of introducing change was not the only viable way at the time of his accession. But the BBC can only survive as a world player if it seizes the opportunites of the digital age, rather than lament their arrival. (Dr) Martin Harris.

Vicki Wegg-Prosser. Dept of Management Studies, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 3PH.

REVOR Phillips claims (Media, June 10) that there are "too few black [BBC] producers". For the record, most of us on the Black Britain team are black. In fact, the BBC recently advertised for more black staff to work on outout of the new African-C ribbean unit in Manchester.

Patrick Younge. Series producer, Black Britain, TV Centre, London W12 7RJ.

Pay day

THERE is a growing convic-tion in the churches that the millennium should be marked by a concerted effort to reduce significantly, if not to remit, the crippling debts of the poorer countries of our world (IMF holds gold key for Third World, June 10).

There must be complex economic and geo-political issues involved. But can any civi-lised society live at peace with itself when it recognises that it is party to a situation that leads to the spread of disease and ignorance, hunger and death? When the IMF opposes debt remission because it might lead to future "reckless borrowing". it ignores the fact that a significant part of the existing debt burden has been caused by reckless lending. When it talks of "moral haz-ard" — or anything to do with morality — does that mean that compliance with a system that leads to such suffering and death is somehow morally

preferable? (Rt Rev) Gavin Maidstone. Bishop of Maidstone. (Rt Rev) Roger Barking. Bishop of Barking. Bishop's House, Pett Lane, Charing, Kent TN27 oDL.

coming home INEVER cease to be astonished at the general igno-rance of the dangers and rami-fications of abusing alcohol (Angry Venables turns on

Drinking's

In the 20 years that I have been treating alcoholics, I mer professional footballers. They all, to a man, talked of the macho image they were happy to follow, where the performance on the field was performance afterwards in the bar, and stated categorically that they could see retrospec-tively that they never reached their full potential due to

alcohol. Contrary to belief, alcohol is actually a depressant, not a stimulant; it is much like the drugs used to put you to sleep for an operation in hospital. and was used as an anges thetic as recently as the Gulf war. This means it affects your mood, judgment, control, speech, co-ordination and

staying power.

Together with a hospital-doctor friend, I took the averthe expanded programming age figure the tabloids orted of the amounts of al cohol consumed on the infamous Cathay Pacific flight. We calculated that the team had consumed the equivalent

of the amount of anaesthetic used in his operating theatre on an average, busy day.

Yet Terry Venables states that he is at a loss to understand why his team tree an lestand why his team was so le-thargic — to quote him, "dead on their feet" — in their recent match against Switzerland. It is well known within footballing circles that both the Italians and the Germans are happy for the English teams to continue with their gung-ho attitude towards alcohol. As long as we do, we pose no serious threat to them on a football field.

I would not want you to conclude that I am so naive as to think that all our national footballers abuse alcohol; many of the current squad are quite the opposite. However, three or four into 11 don't go. Nick Charles. Founder/Director.

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a warning to ships of the rocks

A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: Heed | beaches. Emmanuel serves as ing the tides, we crossed to Lindisfarne with the intention of being marooned on this demi-isle for the obligatory five hours. Reversing the usual tourist ritual, we thus escape the visitors, who come in coaches and stay here only when the causeway is clear. The Venerable Bede wrote: "As the tide ebbs and flows, this place is surrounded twice daily by the waves of the sea like an island and twice. when the sands and twice, when the sands are dry, it becomes again attached to the mainland." Although I have been to Lindisfarne many times. I always feel crossing the causeway that I am going to another country, a foreign the causeway mat I am going to another country, a foreign place. As we cross, the tide is drawing in fast, lapping the tarmac. A strong west wind buckles our knees and drives angry rolling waves exploding into white salt spray. We set off from Snook Point to walk to Emmanuel Head, three miles as a cormorant might fly but four as one walks. Much of but four as one walks. Much of following us. They clearly \$5 the north shore is bleak, rocky sociate humans with the tasty promontories. coves. long sandy stretches and stony were stretches and stony

around Holy Island; past this point you go into dunes and twisting tracks, bordered by flailing tresses of marran grass. A lone birdwatcher squatted, peering through bin-oculars, and a fulmar petral swooped within a few feet of my face. This bird looks gull-like but is a member of the family procellaridae, whilst the various gulls belong to the laridae group. Fulmars, like kittiwakes, are largely oceanic birds and come ashore only to nest. Fulmars usually choose ungetatable sites for procreation; I doubt if any nest on Beblowe Crag here. Nowa-days, there are too many people clambering over the castle precincts. It is out of hours, so the castle, a Lutyens treasure restored by the National Trust, is closed. We explore the foreshore amongst curlews and other wading birds, sifting through seaweed with black-backed gulls



Job prospect Mr Major's uncharitable act

T IS no surprise that John | AST November, attacks on Major's and Virginia Bottomley's concerns about lot ties Board were centred tery funding for gay and lessaround black and refugee bian groups accurately groups: this time the Prime is also a wider concern.

charity (as opposed to state-enforced rights) is that it allows for a pattern of giving and spending that does not reflect the expectations or agenda of the Government. Major's failure to understand this tends to confirm suspi-cions that lottery funding is intended as a replacement for, not a supplement to, publicly funded services. I urge David Sieff to respond

o Mrs Bottomley's request for report with a resounding 'Mind you own business". John Souray. 169 Villas Road. London SE18 7PP.

express their peevish bigotry Minister has added as targets (PM blunders with lottery gay men, lesbian, bisexuals, grants jibe. June 12) but there | prostitutes etc. His comments can only fuel the discrimina Among the justifications for tion that such groups are seeking to alleviate. Christine Carling. Director, National Association of

Councils for Voluntary Service, 177 Arundel Street, Sheffield S1 2NU.

OMEONE should remind OMr Major that he is sup-posed to be Prime Minister to all the people in this country, not just the ones he personally happens to approve of, Donald Simpson. Lancashire OL16 5HN.

Suffering, sin and dinosaurs

AN Paul Davies (Letters, June 11) be serious? He states the Christian dogma that "we can be free of suffering through the redemption offered by Jesus Christ". Since when has believing in Christianity ensured anyone's safety from disease, hereavement, poverty, injury, etc? He also cites the extraordinary belief that suffering is "the consequence of sin". Sin is usually thought to be peculiar to humankind but all fiv-ing things know suffering. The dinosaurs must have suffered a good deal in the pro-cess of being wiped out. What 'sin' did they commit? Valerie Anand.

53 Melrose Avenue. Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2EH. ETWEEN them. Mark Lawson (God is not dead, he was only voted out, June 10) and Lewis Wolpert (Let-

much earnest handwringing about the nature of scientific and religious truth. Yet the essential humanity that con-nects science and religion has been neglected. Both are char-acterised by pilgrimage, com-munity and the thrill of discovery. These and other reference points mark out cre-ative common ground for scentists and theologians (and most people are both) to explore together. (Rev) Helen Matthews. (Prof) Paul Brickell. 35 Godwin Road, London E7 0LF.

CHRISTIANITY persists thanks to a lethal combination of a terrible threat, eternal dumnation, to those who don't believe, and a glorious promise, eternal bliss, to those who do. Neither can ever be shown to be hollow.

ters. May 31) have stimulated | 5 Woodstock, Knebworth.

Diary

Dan Atkinson

IM HOWELLS, one-time mega-militant mine-picket supremo turned chronically-capitalistic Friedmanite industry spokesthing, had a little help with that "get real" clarion call in last week's New Statesman, we hear. For those with better things to do than pore over the scribblings of the the scripblings of the Labour front bench, Dr Howells's article comprehensively trashed state subsidies, tariff protection and attempts to "second guess" the market (ie, the policies of every Labour overnment ever known). So enthusiastic was Dr Howells's espousal of the free market that it brought to mind the old crack about Democratic vice-presiden-tial candidate Lloyd Bentsen (he's a Democrat only because the Republicans would have been embar-rassed by his big-business connections). No one is sug-gesting Dr Howells has a seat in every boardroom, but the idea that the Staggers piece was a crazed solo flight is seriously mistaken. Guiding his typing finger/s was Tim Allan, a toiler in Tony Biair's office and a man with a spinning reputation soon to rival that of the Ernst Blofeld of media manipulation, Peter Mandelson, It was Allan whom koy Hatterseley accused in May of having "spun" Tony Blair's Washington speech into an "historical repositioning" of the Labour Party from the centre-left into the middle

OMETHING is jinxing Tom King's Minehead party tonight to cele-brate the Silver Anniversary of his election by the voters of Bridgwater. The date has been shunted around to suit the guest of honour, Lady Thatcher, and now the swinging venue, Butlin's Somerwest World, is creating problems of its own through its longstanding refusal to buy Brit-ish beef. Farmers' wives are enraged, and their organi-sation, the Women's Farm-ing Union (Somerset branch) insist the hapless ex-Northern Ireland Secretary ought to have picked somewhere else. Of course, TK could take a tip from his star guest and shrug of these strong-arm tactics by a selfish interest group, but with the local Liberals confident of the 8 per cent swing needed to wash away the Tories' majority, that may not be the wisest course. By coincidence, 7 per cent of voters signed a petition last year protesting against a 135ft rollercoaster to be erected. guess where? Yep, Butlin's

HE glory days of English drinking (sorry, football) recalled by Jimmy Greaves in This One's On Me con-tained their very own 747 Day of Shame, one to match the "collective responsi-bility" smash-up on Cathay Pacific flight CX251. In 1970, Greaveste, Bobby Moore and others were "in the upstairs bar of a jumbo jet on the way to New York" where West Ham were playing an exhibition match. Manager Ron Greenwood joined them and "requested a Coke". Moore's business buddy Freddie Harrison laced Greenwood's Coke's with Bacardi. Eventually "Ron. . . realised what was going on and to his credit laughed it off." He had his revenge, though. New Year 1971 found Greavesie and the boys in Blackpool the night before a match. Greavesie, Moore, Brian Dear and Clyde Best motored down to a drinking den: "I was the only one who had really got stuck into the about a dozen lagers." Hammers went down to Blackpool the next day and Greenwood fined and dropped the miscreants. Greavesie's reaction: "I was sickened and disgusted." Well of course.

TILL no word from Michael "Kerouac" Howard concerning his proximity or otherwise to mind-expanding sub-stances (otherwise, we would imagine) during his skiffle-playing period in the 1960s (Kinnock was a washboard man as well; what is it about these Welsh politicians?). Perhaps "No Beat-nik" has been too busy tracking down the original 78 of Putting On The Style (Pye Nixa; N15093) recorded live at the London Palladium in May 1957.



Class wars unique to Britain

Commentary

Peter **Preston**

************* ERE is one interest-ing fact that unites France, Singapore, Germany, Japan and the US (lined up against Brit-ain today in the educational skills department). They don't have endiess, wracking de-bates about education. They don't keep changing their minds. They don't rate it a big election issue

That is not perhaps, sur-prising for Singapore: you need proper elections to have proper issues. But the others fall squarely into the same basket of relative consensua-lity. The USA may grow exer-cised about prayer in schools or teaching Spanish as a first language; but it will not, this November, be invited to lear up the roots of the system and start all over again. France in-

stalled the change that was strength of the Local Educa-Chirac without thought of tion authorities around them-changing its schooling and The Conservatives, needless Chirac without thought or changing its schooling and skilling in any meaningful way. Germany and Japan are models of consistency. In short, the countries from which we're exhorted to learn have one thing in common. They think of the practicality condemned for the changing its schooling and to say, believe the exact opposite. There's no ideology of any discernible sort to this. And the same applies to expertise itself. Europe is supposed to lift its beef ban because British vets say so, and is demonstably condemned for ties of education as a bi-partisan responsibility and continuing process of concern

Mrs Gillian Shephard surely knows this. Mrs She-phard is one of the few Government ministers around who commands a certain respect. She knows what she is talking about. But that — in our present, miserable muddle — is a terrible hindered. - is a terrible hindrance, not a help, to her.

Pause for a second over the extent of such muddle, which the crude foreplay of electoral politics has begun to render migraine material. Consider, for instance, managerial expertise (which can also be called bureaucracy). Labour wishes to sweep it away in the last the same action and the control of the c Health Service, letting doctors and nurses do their own mias-mic thing; but cherishes it in education, where teachers and heads apparently need the ing, was a bonus.

under-funded and peace in the classroom is threatened... We are politically exposed." For "we" read, all too quickly, "her". Everybody who has ever walked through a school door, everybody who's been "educated", claims instant wisdom. Call it Mad Prime Minister's Disease, John Major began flogging the dead horse of grant maintained schools, and then the bizarre concept of a Rutlish in every town. Ken Clarke produced vouchers for sixth-formers. Professors Mahwhinney and Heseltine sharpened their

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experts (as opposed to their ac-

schools inspector and lumi-nary of an LEA. She came to

the Department of Education in a suitably skilled state —

replacing a disaster of a Secre-tary of State whose ignorance and arrogance had destroyed

his career. Briefly, her profes

sional experience, her train-

told a special Cabinet meeting last year that education

remained a shot in the polling foot for the Tories. There is a

perception that schools are

Dr Blair (a premature MPMD sufferer) and Dr Blun-kett, meanwhile, were floridly abolishing mixed ability teaching and replacing it with setting — as though they be-lieved that mixed ability knowledged experts). But Michael Howard makes a plumply untroubled living by heeding neither his judicial teaching was the Curse of Comprehensives (as opposed to a minority methodology) and setting had just been in-vented (as opposed to widely practised for 30 years). Labour claims that its education polionly useful when they agree with the prejudice you first thought of. Here is the context that lead thereafter has zoomed to 47 per cent. If stopping some-thing that isn't happening is the key to success, they may drags Mrs Shephard down. In her long, full life before poll-tics, she was a teacher and a

be on a roll. Mrs Shephard, who knows what is happening, has more difficulties. The familiar tab-loids, big and small, are taking her apart. Has she (Sunday Express) gone native, defending the "laxiness, complacency, incomprehensible jargon and sheer incompetence" of many teachers? Or

ter. She is one of them."

The milling muddle, in short, grows ever more malignly perverse. On Wednesday she produced some modest reforms for teacher training colleges. Yesterday her right-wing opponents were trumpeting for the aboli-tion of the colleges them-selves. She's doomed, day after day, to struggle against the assumption that something miraculous can be done. A grammar school in every tree-lined avenue. The instant assassination of 15,000 useless teachers and their

but training colleges apparently) by 15,000 brilliant apparently) by 15,000 brilliant ones waiting at the gate. Of course her expertise lets her down. She knows she's in a human business, incrementally improving the teachers we've got and the schools make out to a time scale that we've got to a time scale that has no connection with fiveyear election cycles. And be-cause she knows that, her pre-

dicament is sympathetic, going on pitiful.
Education is not the big election issue, because the particular flailings of British democracy skate meaning-lessly across its surface. Education cannot be transformed by Blunkett's magic potion, because it's snake oil. Look behind the headlines of that skills report and you'll find skills report and you'll find only serious consistency, dog-ged bi-partisanship, as the formula for gradual success. The Minister understands that Perhaps only the Minis-ter understands. Light a

tigations in Clwyd, like Cheshire and Merseyside, the Beck case in Leicester, Kincora in Northern Ireland, the failed New Barns trail and the successful Langahaw trail in

And in any case the baddles aren't dads, they're social workers, who will be blamed whatever. Many of these places were former approved. schools, whose brutality inschools, whose britainty in-fused the care system and whose reputation is, in effect, being redeemed by a Home Secretary who wants to replace "soppy" alternatives to custody with stiff new se-cure units. Supported of course by Her Majesty's Onnosition.

Opposition.

The national inquiry announced yesterday will cartainly be able to consider other cases, and then, per-haps, to explore evidence of networking by institutions across North Wales and the North of England. It will help the survivors get hold of the materia, they need to pursue their complaints. It should powerful people who have confidently refused to co-operate with previous and pres-

But it won't help children.
It won't improve the way we investigate children's complaints — often inquiring into the accuser rather than the accused and it won't address abuse in everyday life in the family and the community.

It won't confront the Gov-

ernment's failure to implement the recommendations of so many inquiries, its refusal to appoint a children's Ombudsperson, its refusal to do something about the passive and pessimistic Crown Prose cution Service, its refusal to re-visit its minimalist guide-lines on the investigation of organised and institutional abuse. Not to mention the refusal to offer therapeutic support for child witnesses before trials and the pauper-isation of services available

It won't challenge the con-sortium of teaching unions whose campaign for protec-tion against "false allega-tions" has been heard sympahetically by the Governm in an unprecedented meeting of their minds. And it won't challenge the Home Secre-tary's erosion of the proba-

proposal likely to be pro-moted by the NSPCC's national inquiry into prevention — and a permanent standing commission on child protection to cope with the crises which, we can be sure, will always be with us.

lt didn't, of course, last. She old a special Cabinet meeting ast year that education emained a shot in the polling term. She is one of them." was she always native? "She goes to bed every night with a comprehensive school master. She is one of them." dig into my private life!



OU'VE had your fun, guys. So now just cut it out — OK? It's been a hard decision, very hard. For days now, I've been as tense as hell, answering my phone whenever I heard it ring and shutting the front door behind me every time I entered my house. I've had many a long night when I just lay there, sleeping. And now, whenever walk across the road, I have learned through the school of hard knocks to look left and

right. Eventually, the pressure became too much. It was when I realised with a start that I had made a Fresh Chive and Semolina Summer Salad com-pletely forgetting to add the mixed pine-nuts that I knew the time had come to speak out. I owed it to all those other victims of press harassment to lend my cool, clear, dispassionate voice to the war against those monsters of deagainst those monsters of de-pravity who would drag us into the pit and trample us until our guts squelched through the very drains. So I've decided to go public. I've decided to draw a word-

picture of what it's like to find yourself the victim of the tab-lold press when it sets about hounding a widely read col-umnist of little interest to the general public, a woman who's done nothing in her life to merit such attention, just slogged away as an awardwinning commentator, a highly respected writer of the Fluffy the Dolphin series of children's books, a senior broadcaster with frequent appearances with Melvyn Bragg under her belt, an outspoken campaigner for Press Free-dom, and a close friend and adviser to Tony Blair.

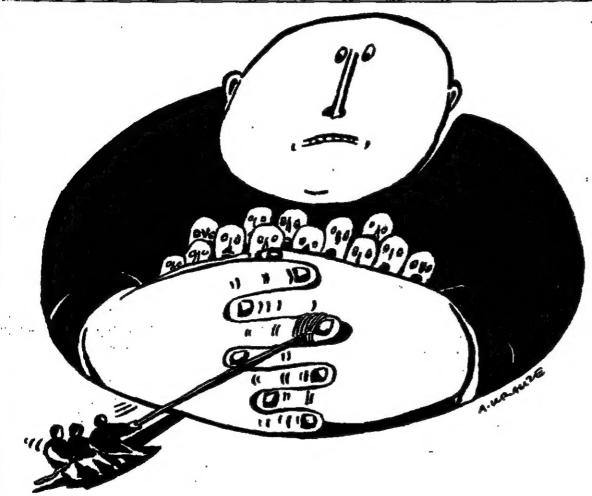
The story begins a week ago. The telephone rings. My nerves in shatters, I answer it. Call it intuition, call it ley-lines, call it synchronicity, call it what-you-will, but I help the Ciwyd survivors to know deep in my bones that it A tabloid hack telephoning a call to account those who is a journalist from the right-senior Guardian columnist have escaped scrutiny, those wing tabloid press. It must be and respected member of the is a journalist from the right-wing tabloid press. It must be something to do with the way he says, "Hello Ms Littlejohn, it's the Daily Mail". He is, he makes it clear, planning to write a critical profile of me. Me! Bel Littlejohn! How dare he! Does he not know that I am a very senior columnist on a major national newspaper, an outspoken campaigner for Press Freedom and a member of the National Council for Civil Liberties! Yet he presumes to be able to nose around into my private life, as

different from the tradition of concerned, thoughtful jour-nalism into which I was and '80s, when my award-win-ning investigative Guardian column "Bel Littlejohn Sniffs At ... was required reading for everyone on the left. would never compromise my would never compromise my colleagues by writing anything that might border on the truth about their private lives. Running a Trades Union, working in a senior managerial capacity at the Beeb, orchestrating a vital political capacity at the litical campaign to right the wrongs in our society or writ-ing uncompromising plays for one of our leading national theatre companies — these are all highly responsible jobs, and those who undertake to perform them on our behalf should on no account be sub

jected to press intrusion. At the same time those of us in the press should never, ever, ever surrender our bard-won right to expose corruption and hypocrisy wheresoever it occurs, especially in others. We must defend to the end our right to expose to public scrutiny people such as Cabinet Ministers in this dis-credited Tory government. rightwing columnists who do not practise what they preach, captains of industry who use their positions of power to influence others, or any others in the Establishment who should know better than to do what they are doing, or not do what they might be doing, or to do what they might not be doing, or not to do what they might not be

AM proud, for Instance, of the awards i picked up for my needle-sharp coverage of the Parkinson Affair. Here was a man who said one thing in public and did quite an-other in private; by doing so, he clearly forfeited the right to public office. It was my fearless expose of the details of this married man's affair with his secretary ("Sordid! Sordid! Sordid!" by Bel Little-John, Guardian, Oct 27, 1983) that is widely credited with having forced his resignation. This was campaigning journalism at its best; forceful bold, uncompromising, fear less, and refreshingly free of cant.

And what have we sunk to? Scott Trust in order to dig up dirt on her alleged quote unquote "affair" with a quote unquote "married man". Then I thought, I have nothing whatever to hide, other than what I wish to keep secret. My life is very public, or would be if it wasn't private. As a champion of Press Freedom, I have a duty to protect coulett form these protect society from those who would attempt to use that freedom for their own pur-poses. S. I am laying myself if this were somehow the on the line, coming right out in the open and saying noth-nalist! Believe me, it's very ing at all. OK, guys?



Too little, too late

The Government's plans to combat child sex abuse are far too narrow, argues Bea Campbell. What we really need is a Children's Commissioner to fight their comer

an adult who deto-nated the Cheshire

EST we forget, it it was the same year as the was not a child but Cleveland controversy, the Cleveland controversy, the same time as children in Notan adult who detonated the Cheshire and Merseyside children investigations. Ten years ago children tried to tell their story about the first man to go down in Cheshire, Alan Langshaw. It didn't make any difference. Most of the great investigations into institutional child abuse have been retrospective—we have been retrospective—we have been taken to the gulag not by children but same time as children in Nottinghamshire began described by a High Court Judge in 1988 as satanic. These cases tested the adult community's commitment to children. They polignantly showed us whose interests must be defended and whose may be dismissed. The new era didn't last long. By the 90s former Health Secretary virginis Rottomlay tions into institutional child abuse have been retrospective — we have been taken to the gulag not by children but the gulag n by adults. Two boys tried to stop Alan Langshaw hurting children at the beginning of a new era of revelation, in 1996:

John Bowis has scoffed at the

though communists do it and Catholic priests do it satanists are the only sect not doing it. The Government's response to children's allegations against adults has not been to ask itself what is going on? what is it like to be a child? how do children survive? why is suffering in silence often safer than speak. silence often safer than speak-

ing out?
instead of making it safe for children to tell their story the Home Office and the Department of Health have merely sought to control the conditions in which children

speak. Under the Memorandum of Good Practice, the bible bequeathed by the Home Office to children, they get one opportunity, for no more than an hour, to tell their story on

NSPCC's figures on the scale of crimes against children.
Professor Jean La Fontaine reassures the Department of Health that there was no satanic abuse in Britain, so although communists do it and Davies's research on the memorandum. It takes nearly two years for cases to come to court and then the child's first conversation is cross-ex-amination. Within the first eight months out of about 14,912 videoed interviews only 22 got as far as a jury.

The system works — it shuts children up and it keeps their stories from the crimi-

nal courts. In the 90s, children's allegations against adults have met an organised counter-revolu-tion. The same media that can now be proud of the Clwyd compaign have also been cru-sading for accused adults, dis-crediting children's evidence and children's allies. The Clwyd inquiry won't help those children. It was adults' evidence which ignited inves-

tary's excessor of the propa-tion service's exemplary sex offender programmes. What we really need is a Children's Commissioner—a

Better wed than dead?

Anita Roddick calls for equal protection | a distinction between marfrom domestic violence for married and unmarried women in the Family Law Bill

moral debate surrounding divorce, but while they are blasting hot air about the "threads of society coming away in our hands", women continue to suffer violence in the home and are not being adequately protected.
If you were not paying much attention, it might appear that the debate surrounding the Family Law Bill is simply an opportu-Bill is simply an opportunity for a few hypocritical mity for a few hypocritical mity for a few hypocritical mity for a few hypocritical there yet. The Family Law Bill (Part Four) desperately needs strengthening.

Currently, the Bill makes

T IS all well and good they are protecting us from MPs getting hot under ourselves. But it is so much the collar about the more important than that. The Family Law Bill is a confusing, complicated but necessary piece of legisla-tion. Part Four of the Bill is concerned with violence in the home. It is trying to offer easier and more effective recourse to the

law for sufferers, helping to streamline an already complex and unwieldy legal sys-tem. That is its intention, but it has not quite got

who are experiencing do-mestic violence. It is planning to give married sufferers an often welcome respite from violence by allowing them to apply for occupation orders for the family home, protecting them against their abusive pariners.

In this new-found safety of their own homes, women can be assured of security for a period of time, enough to sort themselves out and to plan for the future. All good stuff. But its provisions for the unmarried sufferers of domestic violence are restricted and do not offer the same degree of protection.

mitment involved in mar-riage". I find this staggering, as well as insulting. Compare the woman who has been living with her partner for 20 years, without the holy piece of paper, who faces abuse, and the woman who is beaten as a honeymooning bride. Why rights and the other not? The Bill should offer the same protection to unmarried women who experience violence as it does to women who have been married.

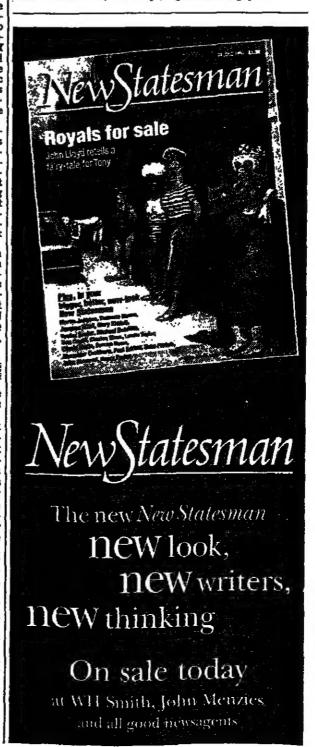
The well-fed, blue-rinsed self-proclaimed bastions of social values want us to pledge our undying commitment to marriage as the remedy to all social ills. The message the Bill currently gives is that if you want protection from an abusive Courts are being asked to partner, you will not get i take into consideration that unless you are married. unmarried sufferers of do- This is emotional blackmail

mestic violence "have not and certainly will not make given each other the compeople value marriage as an institution.

It is time Parliament stopped looking for quickfix answers to complex issues. The reasons for vio-lence in the home are as involved as the individuals who face it. We must offer support for all women, men and children who face do-mestic abuse — whether they choose to go to a refuge (and there are not enough of those), or whether they choose to stay in the family home without compromis-

ing their rights. MPs drone on about their opposition to violence and how in touch they are with their constituents. Now is their chance to prove both points by voting to amend the Family Law Bill to give equal protection to all sufferers, irrespective of their status.

Anila Roddick is founder and



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Pathfinder in the Woods

financial and monethe last major link with Bret-While not the architect of

the post-war international financial system agreed at Bretton Woods, he played a key part in the preparation of the plan devised by Harry White and backed by the Americans in opposition to Keynes's more ambitious prosals for a Clearing Union. In the negotiations Bernstein acted as American spokes-man and was both technical adviser and executive secre-

tary of the US delegation. In the last few days of the conference he was also appointed chairman of the Special Committee on Unsettled Questions. His great gift was to come up with solutions to the most difficult financial problems and to expound them with great lucidity and quickly, clearly and well.

to see the White Plan super sede his own, began by venting some of his trustration on Bernstein, regarding him White's leading ideas and detthe pricing of public utilities scribing him. In a letter to the in the first world war, stop-Treasury, as "a regular little rabbi, a reader out of the Taimud". But by the end of the conference Keynes was singing his praises "as the hero of Bretton Woods, the economist who made every-

After the conference it was Bernstein who wrote all the Congressional committee appointed to the staff. This did reports on Bretton Woods, as not reflect prejudice on the ish loan agreement. He also (two of whom were Jews) but helped to guide the Bretton was blamed on the students. Congress over the objections of the banking community.

ance agent in New Jersey — the only boy in the family and the only child to be sent to university. From an early age he wanted to be an economist, or perhaps a journalist specialising in economics, and at 16 he had already acquired a grounding in the subject at school, on which he

drew in an essay competition on The Port of New York. winning the prize of \$25.

At the University of Chicago, where his teachers included Jacob Viner, he mixed regularly with graduate sturegularly with graduate stu-dents and from his second year took graduate classes almost exclusively. He spent a good deal of time on anthropology and sociology, including both in his degree. From Chicago he went on to Harvard with a scholarship to study under Taussig. He attended lectures on money by Hawtrey (who happened to be in Harvard for a year) and was impressed by his approach to monetary theory conciseness. He thought that but he regarded him as a very there was nothing like being bad teacher. At Harvard he able to write" and he himself won both a Ricardo Prize could think and write Scholarship and the university fellowship, earning enough money from these to dissuade him from leaving university life for a journalistic career. In the long hot summer of 1930, he typed away in the nude at his dissertation on

ping to take a shower every half hour. A few months later he embarked on his academic career just as the Great Depression was beginning. He started as an associate professor at one university in North Carolina and later became full professor at another. the first Jew in each case to be

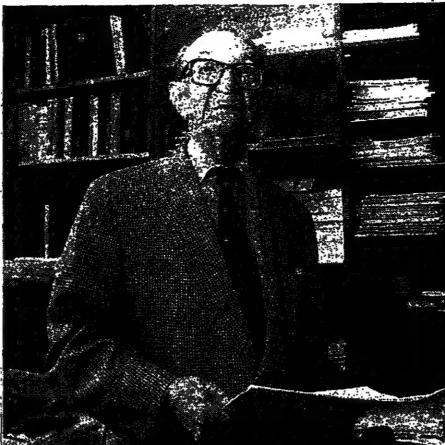
Early in the 1930s he prornstein was the youngest | duced his first book - Money

HE DEATH of Eddie | of three children of an insur- | and the Economic System which attracted much attention and to which he often referred later as giving ex-pression to new thoughts on the operation of a monetary standard. In 1940 he left academic life.

meaning at first to spend only the summer months with Harry White in the Treasury but staying to become assis-tant director of monetary research. The three summer months were employed in drafting answers to a long questionnaire on monetary policy from the Senate Bank-ing Committee. Bernstein filled a volume of 600 pages with the answers but by the time they were submitted the committee had lost interest and they were never printed. When he agreed to stay he became responsible for research on inflation and the balance of payments and, when the US entered the war, was given the job of economic adviser on foreign funds con-trol — ie, exchange control. From 1942 he was also

working on plans for the post-war financial system, super-vising the technical studies for Harry White's plan for an international stabilisation fund. This brought him into the succession of interna-tional conferences in 1942-43 leading up to Bretton Woods.

activities in the Treasury was an in wartime. Although he regarded himself as a mone-tarist, he based his answer on the likely rise in wages and raw material prices in the light of experience in recovering from past recessions and concluded that, although there would be a large rise in prices after the war, whole-sale prices were likely to rise by only about 33 per cent during the war. Milton Friedman, a true monetarist, brought to work on the same question, concluded that



Bernstein . . . typed his dissertation on public utilities in the nude

rices would rise eightfold on the assumption of a large bud-get deficit financed mainly by the banks. No such increas occurred during the war. After the war, Bernstein moved form the Treasury to the newly founded Interna-

tional Monetary Fund as director of research. This was after Jean Monnet had saked him pointedly who was going to run the IMF and Keynes had told him that he looked forward to his becoming director of research. He remained with the IMF until 1958, when he found that he could not get on with the new managing director, Per Jacobsson. He had built up a striff, produced many papers developed a system of work and floated two periodicals, International Financial Statistics and Staff Papers. He had been a popular member

missed. There was even a Love to bring him back as After his retirement he turned down offers of academic employment and, when central banks wrote to him to

say how much they would miss the papers he wrote at the IMF, offered to continue them on a subscription basis. He then founded a company research reports monthly and a weekly or fortnightly letter on economic developments in the US. This service he conlinued for 23 years with about half the papers written by regular contributers from other countries.

One problem he discussed at an early stage was the danger of a shortage or international liquidity. He sug-gested that the Fund should enter into an agreement with its principal members under which they would commi themselves to lend stated amounts to the Fund when needed in order to deal with serious payments difficulties. The proposal was accepted and came into effect as the General Arrangements to Borrow in 1962. A few years later he also came forward with a proposal for reserve assets that ultimately took shape as SDRs.

Many other examples could

be given of his fertility in ideas and his constructive attitude to financial problems. He carried on offering new ideas and comments until the

Bernstein was proud of his schievements but did not flaunt them. His name does not appear in any of the usual books of reference. In writing to Keynes he described him-self as "a Levite serving the priests in their holy work". "All my life," he said at 79, "I've been over-appreciated over-honoured and overpaid."
When I last saw him it was

at a gathering at Bretton Woods in October 1994, to cel-ebrate the 50th anniversary of review the record and pros-pects for the Bretton Woods institutions. Eddie was as lively as ever and gave us one of those papers that he used to write with such speed, clarity and insight.

Edward Morris Bernstein, econ

Haika Grossman

The faith of a ghetto fighter

IVEN the choice. Haika Grossman, the ideal candidate for the Arab voters in the recent Ishighly political woman whose philosophy shouted for her fellow Jews to get out of the out reservation.

But that would have been an over-simplification. Her calls for an Arab state came from a deep belief that it was as essential for Israel's own sake as it was for its neighbours. Zionism was a movement of bumanity. And she was not just a committed Zionist but me who had been willing to die for her principles.

in 1939, as a 19-year-old in her native Poland, she de-Jewish life, not simply trying to escape to what was then Palestine. Despite having an exit visa to leave occupied Poland, she chose to remain and help organize whatever resistance was possible. She was one of the few survivors. She could not have foreseen what the Holocaust would mean but she knew that few were willing to fight the Germans on their own terms and she had to join those who could. She soon learnt the

chine. Both her parents were murdered — her father shot, her mother dying in the Majdanek death camp. In the summer of 1943, she was one of the band of young-sters who for four days held out against the Nazis in her native Bialystock. With per-haps a single stolen pistol between 12 people, or the oc-casional Molotov cocktall,

they kept the German troops at bay in the ghetto there. She also joined the ghetto fighters in what had once been called the Jerusalem of Lithuania, Vilna (now Vilnius). A tiny person who did not

look particularly Jewish, she posed as a non-Jewish Pole when she crawled in and out of the Warsaw Ghetto on a series of underground missions, bringing news of the outside world and the occa-sional gun. Later, when asked times, she said there was a rumour that the Nazis intended to destroy every village, she slipped and fell remnant of Jewry except 12 people who would be bussed from place to place as examples of the exotic species that had once existed. "We all thought we would get on that bus," she said.

Resistance was always hopeless but the handful who fought in the uprisings and survived had the satisfaction of doing something. It was an



When their efforts finally crumbled, Grossman and a nandful of companions joined a group of Jewish partisans in the forests around Bialystock, After the war, she served as

the representative of Ha Shomer Ha-Tsa'ir, the Marx-ist-Zionist organisation in Poland, co-ordinating the departure of the remnant of Pol-ish Jewry. In 1948 she finally arrived in what was now Israel. It was another example of commitment on her part. Holocaust but a brother, conscripted into the Red Army, did not. For her Israel was effect of the Nazi death maher homeland and she wanted to help build this new country. She joined her organisation's kibbutz, Evron. — where a portrait of

Stalin hung in the dining room. There she married Meir Orkin, a childhood took the almost unheard of step of retaining her maiden name, a sign that the indepen-dence she had shown as a pertisan was still strong.

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She was an ideal parliamentary candidate for the Mapam party, the political wing of Ha Shomer Ha-Tsa'ir, far to the ieft of the larger Mapai group (the two would later merge to form the rump of what is now the Israell Labour Party). In 1968, she took her seat in the Knesset and went on to be-come a deputy speaker. She

served for 20 years. The last three years of her life were spent in a coma. In 1993, at a reception for Israel Independence Day in an Arab down a steep flight of steps and never recovered. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and three grand-

Michael Freedland

Halka Grossman, resistance lighter and politician, born November 20, 1919; died May 26,

Birthdays

Sir James Black FRS, pharresearcher, 72; Paul Boateng MP, Labour legal affairs spokesman, 45; Mike Brad-well, founder, Hull-Truck Theore Company 48; Pages Theatre Company, 48; Dame opportunity in law, custom member, LCC and GLC, 99; In the late 1970s some opportunity in law, custom and practice"). John Frankenheimer, and spent the next three decades in obscurity, travelling and painting in Europe and South Edna Healey, writer, 78; Dorothy McGuire, actress, 77; Yvonne Moores, chief nursing officer and director cation opportunities and of nursing. Department of career training for girls. of nursing, Department of Health, 55; Jonathan Raban, Health, 55; Jonathan Raban, novellst, travel writer, 54; Kathleen Raine, poet, 88; Dame Rosemary Rue, former president, BMA, 68; Pierre Salinger, journalist, former White House press secretary, 71; Antony Sher, actor and writer, 47; Nigel Short, chess player, 31; Prof. Short, chess player, 31; Prof Trevor Smith, vice-chancel-lor, University of Uister, 59; James Wright, vice-chancel-lor, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University E2 With-

University, 57; Mike Yar-

Mary Stott writes: Enid Hutchinson (obtuary, June 9) was one of the founders of the very influential committee of the Fawcett Society (campaigners

in the late 1970s some mem-bers got together on a Thames houseboat and agreed to set up an education committee.
They appealed to education
authorities, manpower
boards, teachers and so on all over the country to widen edu-

Enid Hutchinson became the committee's convenor and was deeply involved in the Fawcett Society's "positive action" awards scheme which adapted a positive response "from Cornwall to Dundee".

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Thank-you Secred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude. for Prayer answered & F. MTo place your ennouncement tel 0171 713 4567. Fax 8171 713 4129.

Shades of a master . . . Alton's work on He Walked By Night, with Richard Basehart ***OBAL

John Alton

Film's painter with light

tor is ultimately responsible for the heart, head and eye of the film, although the cinematographer is often attituted with the last. Yet even the best of cinematogra-phers, such as John Alton, w.o has died aged 94, can only realise the director's vision through his own resourceful technical skills.
Alton's work varied greatly depending on the director's style, ranging from the stark for Anthony Mann, the flashy for Richard Brooks and the refined for Vincente Minnelli,

three directors aesthetically worlds apart. Yet he became so respected a cameraman that many creative decisions were taken jointly with him. The cosmopolitan and polygiot Alton was born in Hungary, emigrating as a teenager to the US in 1919. Five years later, passionate about photography, he joined McM as a lab technician. He went with Expst Lubitsch to Europe in 1927 to shoot exteriors for The Student Prince and stayed on in Paris for five years as head of the camera department at Joinville studios. Subsequently, Alton moved to Argentina and set up that country's first sound stage. He adored his life in Buenos Alvas where he directed Aires, where he directed, wrote and photographed more than a dozen films, and married local journalist Rozalia Kiss, with whom he remained

army, Alton started his Holly-wood career in earnest. In the late 1940s, he established his reputation as a leading photographer of films noir, espe-cially those directed by Mann. T-Men. Hollow Triumph, Bor-der Incident and The Crooked

Way were superb examples of highly-stylised, deep-focus, monochrome location photog-raphy, owing much to German Expressionism and in keeping with the alienation of the At MGM, in the 1950s, Alton provided more reassuring images for Father of the Bride

and Father's Little Dividend, Minnelli's streamlined domestic comedies, and won an Oscar for the ballet photogra-phy of An American in Paris (1951). In the 18-minute dance finale of the Minnelli musical, Alton's Technicolor camera captured the chromatic es-sence of the French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings on which the tab-leaux dansantes were based.

Because the dapper Alton -who sported a neat moustache and wore a trilby, tweeds and silk bow ties - was a maver-ick by nature, he continually found himself at odds with the MGM front office. This resulted in his working frequently for other studios, where he had more freedom. An effective use of chiaroscuro infused The Big Combo (1955), Joseph H Lewis's classic sado-masochistic film noir, and a shadowy born world, accentuated by lurid 2, 19

ESPITE cinema being | world war, when he rose to | colours (especially the flaming the most collaborative of arts, the direction of captain in the US | hair of sisters Ariene Dahl tive of arts, the direction of captain in the US | hair of sisters Ariene Dahl army, Alton started his Holly- and Rhonda Fleming) was creand Rhonda Fleming) was created in Alian Dwan's Slightly Back with MGM and Min nelli, Alton coped brilliantly with the richness of the decor

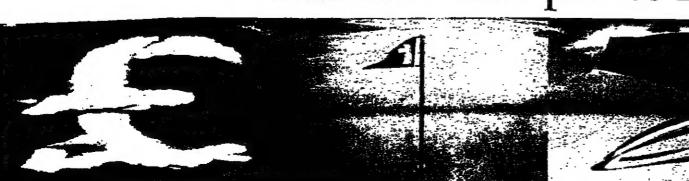
and costumes in Designing Woman (1957) and provided a burnished surface to Richard burnished surface to Richard Brooks's The Brothers Karamazov (1958). Brooks's Elmer Gantry (1960), which was boosted greatly by the Eastman Color photography evoking the Midwestern atmosphere of the Sinclair Lewis novel, was among Alton's best work but it was to be his last completed film. In 1962, he completed film. in 1962, he quit The Birdman of Alcatraz when Charles Crichton, the director, was replaced by John Frankenheimer, and

America. In 1993, some film scholars discovered his whereabouts and persuaded him to attend the Telluride Film Festival, where his movies were shown. Enjoying his rediscovery, Alton appeared at similar homages in Vienna and New York. His 1949 book, Painting with Light, was republished last year, the title being an accu-rate description of a very special art of which John Alton was a master.

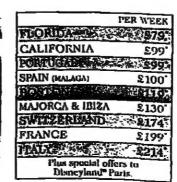
John Alton, cinemalographer.

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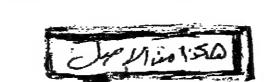
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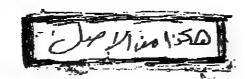
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Finance Guardian

Asda, which has been

forced by the courts to stop discounting Anadin paraceta-mol and vitamins, contends

that retail price maintenance

for non-prescription drugs

stifles competition and deliv-

ers big profits to drug compa

nies and retailers. The Office of Fair Trading was review-

ing price maintenance but

was not expected to reach a

decision until 1996, a spokes-

The supermarket operator complained to the EU's anti-trust division in April. Asda

set out its case in talks with EU officials this week, argu-ing that the price mainte-nance system was similar to

the net book agreement, which collapsed last year. The commission refused to

exempt the agreement from EU competition law.

man for Asda said.

Leaked memo shows Sainsbury taking £400m a year gamble on new customer card

Loyalty comes at big price

Lisa Buckingham

AINSBURY, the supermarkets com-pany, will need to increase its sales by up to £400 million a year to cover the costs of the loyalty card it plans to intro-duce next Monday, according to internal company docu-

A memorandum shows that managers estimate sales must rise by 2-4 per cent from last year's £10 billion "to offset some of the costs" of the new loyalty programme. There was an underlying fall of 3 per cent in the company's grocery sales last year.

Sainsbury is introducing the nationwide loyalty card in

co's and Safeway's, which than the allocation on the after reporting its first drop have been stealing market group's former Savercard and share from the company, is regarded by Sainsbury's exshare from the company, recently toppled from its position as Britain's number one

the loyalty-card war will cost it dear. The need to mercase sales by up to 4 per cent compares with Tesco's assertion that it had to boost sales by only 1 per cent to break even only I per cent to break even with its Clubcard scheme. started last year, which is regarded as having been behind the supermarket's real like-for-like growth of nearly 5 per cent last year.

According to the leaked document, Sainsbury's Rewardcard will offer customers one point for every response to the success of pound spent above a £5 minimum. This is more generous

ecutives as providing a more attractive offer than Tesco's.

Sainsbury will give shop-The memo suggests that pers a reward voucher once Sainsbury's delay in entering they have accumulated 250 station, Savacentre, Homebase or Texas outlets. The management document says further benefits will be added

> The memorandum does not compare Sainsbury's planned offering with the recently up-graded scheme from Tesco which will provide shoppers with a limited credit card facility.

line with the trend for super-market loyalty schemes only

in profits since becoming a public company 23 years ago U-turn for the group, whose chairman. David Sainsbury, a year ago dismissed Tesco's Clubcard as an unprofitable

dmmick. Having done a smart director Kevin McCarten, the company is promising that its loyalty card will be just one aspect of a concerted effort to

regain customers.
Although the group reported a 6 per cent increase in supermarket sales in the year to March — overall group revenues were up by 13 per cent to £13.5 billion most of that came from new or enlarged stores as well as price inflation. Like-for-like sales fell by 3 per cent.

The group will bring in its lovalty card against the backdrop of statistics from industry research company AGB Survey's showing that Sains-bury was the worst performer of the big food retailers.

The study says that, in the four weeks to June. Asda turned in a "stunning performance", substantially in-creasing its market share. But AGB said that, while Tesco was showing good gains over the past year, its sales were down on the month, indicating that the initial euphoria for its Clubcard may be waning.

• Asda yesterday took its

campaign against minimum drug prices to the European Commission, arguing that pharmaceutical companies in Britain are breaking EU law

Name of Lloyd's game still secrecy



Edited by Alex Brummer

finalised its blacklist of Names who will be penalised for the parts they played in racking up the market's near-crippling losses. The 175 Names include underwriters and agents. Lloyd's has added £18 million to the bills these

Names will have to pay. The concept of punishing the wrongdoers is admirable. Nevertheless, congratulations must be muted. In a world in which financial regulation must be seen to be effective and in which other financial institutions are accepting the need for greater transpar-ency. Lloyd's appears to be lagging behind.

It has refused to identify which Names are on the blacklist, arguing that to do so could cause legal problems. It is hard to see why the publication of a list of these Names would cause difficulties.

Perhaps the reason for Lloyd's reluctance, it seems, is that at least some of the 175 are still working in the mar-ket. Again, Lloyd's is not saying how many they are and where they are working. It must be hoped that none is

still underwriting.

It would be unfortunate, just when Lloyd's appears to be on the brink of implementing its rescue plan, if investors and policyholders were left with the impression that the market had not been properly cleaned up.

Insider net

LSEWHERE, the City is moving to deal with the use and abuse of financial derivatives in takeovers. The most discussed case was the use by Trafalgar House of "contracts for differences" in its aborted offer for Northern Electric in March 1995. When the authorities failed to come down hard in this case the use of derivatives became increasingly widespread: deriv-atives transactions played a key role in the recent Rento-kil bid for BET.

Much of the advanced dealings in shares ahead of take-overs now takes place on the derivatives markets, which have been a great deal more difficult to monitor that the

cash market. Under the Takeover Panel's new ruling, parties to any transaction will be required to disclose derivatives deal-ings, alongside holdings of

other securities.
The panel has refused to accept any distinction between trades held by market makers as a hedge, and those held by them in connection with

other business. ensure that the derivatives market is not used as a cover

The SIB is also moving to

all of this when the Securities & Futures Authority's £8 million new market-surveillance system is running; not before

Business cash

MONG the most critical issues addressed in Michael Heseltine's latest white paper on competi-tiveness is the role of small and medium sized business in

the economy.

The white paper notes that smaller enterprises account for 50 per cent of non-government jobs, against 40 per cent when the Tories came to office. Yet despite the achievesector, it has suffered from late payment, lack of finan-cial support, poor training and over-burdensome busi-

ness rates. The Government is in the process of addressing several of these issues, including late with by disclosure and opprobrium rather than legislation.

It hopes to deal with the training issue by bringing the training and enterprise coun-cils closer together with its still unproven Business Links. The White Paper ac-knowledges that access to fi-

nance remains a problem.

With the banking sector brimming with cash, it may be time for the authorities do a little prodding on innova-tive financial ideas.

Think finance

T IS no accident that the first serious London conference on the role of microfinance in emerging markets was held this week under the auspices of the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation. This London based reputation for tuckling a cath-

olic range of issues.
It is beating some of the more established London think-tanks in attracting lead ing global financial practitio-

ners to its governing body.

Among those to have joined recently is the guru of the New York markets Henry Kaufman (formerly of Salo mon Brothers) who is among the few followers of Wall Street who dares question whether the huge flow of cash into mutual funds is sustain-

He has been joined by Peter Birch of the Abbey National, who blazed the trail in rejecting building society mutuality. Professor Charles Goodhart of the LSE; Sir Brian Pearse formerly of Midland and now at Lucas; Sir Peter Middleton of BZW; and Sir William Ryrie once of the Intion in Washington and now the senior Brit at ING-CSFI.

With an increasing work programme, which includes a study on the effect of the Internet on financial services, the CSFI's founder-director, Andrew Hilton, has now added senior FT writer David non-partisan centre, with a strong financial bent, the CSFI could be particular usefor insider traders. The City city team seeking to c will be better able to monitor deficit in bright ideas. ful for a Labour economic/

crimination under the EU

Rodney Bickerstaffe, Uni-

son general secretary, wel

comed the settlement but said

so long to pay modest

amounts when they were

throwing money at their

Pat Turner, aged 78, who retired in 1978 from the cus-

tomer accounts department

in the West Midlands, said: "

did not want to retire. I asked

to be put on a list to do part-

time or casual work, but even

that was denied to me be-

British Gas said in a state-

ment: "Up until 1986 the Gov-

ernment considered UK law

cause of my age.

highly-paid executives".

equal treatment directive.

Blacklist of Names 'fined' £18m in debt settlement

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London has -drawn up a blacklist of Names to be punished for their part in causing the insurance market's recent

The 175 unidentified Names, some of whom are understood to be still working at Lloyd's, will have to pay a total £18 million extra when they settle their debts at the market.

The move is part of the £3.1 billion settlement offer for the market's 34,000 Names. Each Name will shortly receive an individually tailored offer consisting of some cash and some tively, the people on the blacklist will have their credit against debts reduced by £18 million.

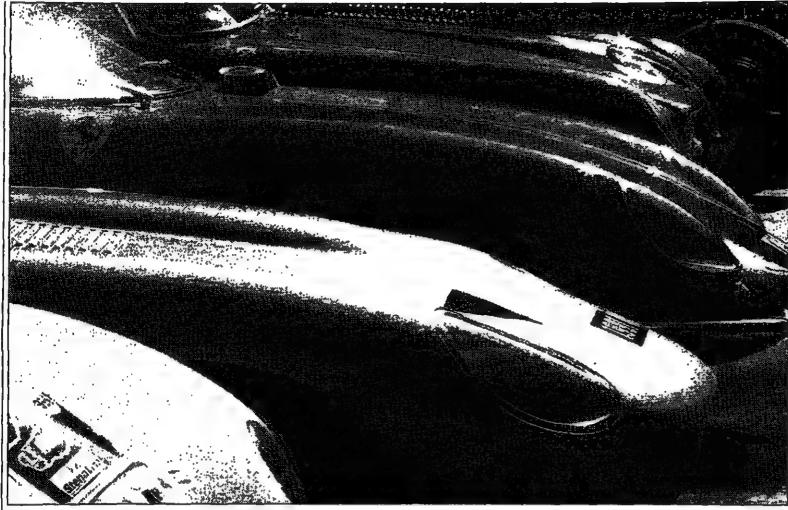
Lloyd's said its lawyers had advised against pub-lishing the blacklist. Chairman David Rowland said: "The individuals concerned will be notified of the restrictions affecting them when their receive their indicative finality statements

Those involved will be able to make written submissions setting out any reasons why they believe there is a case for reconsid-

The 175 on the list include 33 former underwriters as well as scores of directors and partners of agents, two members owing debts to Lloyd's and seven who have been found guilty of serious disciplinary of fences in recent years. Lloyd's said the majority

of the punished Names were no longer active in the market, but a spokesman conceded that therefore some were still probably operating at Lloyd's. Lloyd's is preparing the final details of the settle-

ment offer. It is currently trying to persuade the agents to add £50 million to the £200 million contribution they have already



Body line . . . 27 veterans of Le Mans driving classic sports cars were waved off from the City of London yesterday by Bank of England Governor Eddie George and Sun Alliance chairman Sir Christopher Benson and headed for France and this weekend's 24-hour race PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER

Singapore leaves Leeson carrying can

Patrick Donovan

ORMER Barings trader, Nick Leeson, has been left to carry the can for 2830 million collapse of City's oldest merchant bank after the Singapore government yesterday an-nounced that it has dropped an investigation into two of his senior colleagues. Singapore's white collar

crime police, the Commercial there were "insufficient trous losses from unautho-grounds" to take any action rised trades which brought

ponse" to regulator Stephen Littlechild's announcement

earlier this month of a reduc

tion in the fossil-fuel levy,

and said Southern was pass

ing on the saving to custom-

ers "as quickly as possible".

The move was seen by in-

dustry analysts as an attempt

shares in the group down 13p

Meanwhile, London Elec-

lion wiped from its market

don's shares down 30p to 662p.

Electric dipped 2p to 305p, de-

spite a 16 per cent increase in

full-year pre-tax profits to

Announcing the results,

chief executive Roger Young

said Hydro had ruled out bid-

a special dividend for share

£195.1 million.

Shares of Scottish Hydro

Simon Jones, who were both directors of Baring Futures

Singapore.

The two, who had been confined to Singapore pending the completion of the investigation, have been given back their passports and are now understood to be in Britain. The CAD originally said it was continuing its inquiries into other Barings staff on the

day in November last year that Mr Leeson was jailed for six and a half years in Singa-Affairs Department, said pore for concealing the disas-

Yesterday, it also an-nounced that it had dropped an investigation related to the Barings affair into Edmund Wong, the director of Contac

Software, and Daniel Argyro-poulos, a close friend of Leeson, who worked alongside Leeson at the Singapore International Monetary Exchange. Mr Wong a computer con-sultant for Barings, was sus-pected of falsifying company financial records to cover Leeson's fraud.

Mr Argyropoulos. a US citizen and a former trader with | general "has directed that no | was to report.

against either James Bax or | down the bank in February | First Continental Singapore, | further action in this direchad driven Leeson to the airport in February 1995 for a flight to Malaysia when it became apparent that Barings was about to collapse.

Mr Leeson went underground before catching a flight to Frankfurt in a bid to reach London. But he was arrested by German police and extradited to Singapore last year. He was tried and sen-

enced in November.
The CAD said the attorney general had reviewed the evilence that it gathered against the four men. The attorney

tion be taken with respect to these individuals", it added. Mr Bax was once the Singapore boss of Leeson but in 1992 Leeson was told to report directly to London. This meant that he was not only the chief futures trader but

also the head of settlements. Mr Bax tried to alert Barings about the potential con-flict of interest in a letter to Barings headquarter, dated March 25, 1992

He warned his superiors about the lack of clarity over the person to whom Leeson

Southern Electric opens bidding | Suits need not apply for this | Financial adviser is fined under with promise to shrink water bills finance director's position "an immediate and early res

han Ming

COUTHERN Electric yes Oterday set the clock tick-ing on its bid for Southern Water, promising the target group's customers a 4 per cent reduction in their bills by April 1999. That matches a reduction

by Southern to win Professor Littlechild's support for its Southern Water bid, but sent in prices it announced hours earlier for its electricity customers.

Launching Southern's offer document, and triggering the tricity saw more than £50 mil-60-day takeover timetable, chairman Geoffrey Wilson value after announcing a said the combined group 5 per cent dip in underlying full-year pre-tax profits to £183.1 million. The fall, due would provide customers with a focused energy and mainly to price cuts ordered by Prof Littlechild, sent Lonutility business.

Comparing Southern's offer favourably with that of rival bidder Scottish Power, Mr Wilson pledged to "build on" the I per cent reduction in Southern Water's prices in the current financial year and to enhance the "existing high level of service".

Southern's cut in electricity ding for a regional electricity prices for its customers will company but was considering apply from July 1, trimming about £18 from a typical holders in the fullness of annual household bill. Chief executive Henry Cassaid the reduction was time".

STRUT on down, you funky finance dudes. Shuck that tie, dump that Samsonite briefcase, ditch those hornrim shades and roller-blade on down to Diesel jeans to be interviewed for the post of finance director-designate.

For those sick of being stereotyped as boring numbers men or women, the Fi nancial Times advertisement for the job may be the answer to their dreams.

It warns "don't dress up for this interview", and promises "there will never be a dull moment" and that the company has a "deep-seated philosophy that work should be You do need to have been

an anorak at some stage, be cause the successful applicant. will need to be "a fully qualified finance professional with up to five years PQE, and pos sess proven leadership". But lighten up, the head

dude at Diesel says greater emphasis will be placed on personality, and adds: "We don't employ sheep." Diesel was founded by 40year-old Renzo Rosso, the son | Glasgow.



of a north Italian farmer. He has total control over the company and its image, and in 11 years has built Diesel into a world brand with sales of more than \$300 million. The jeans, £55 a pair in five styles and 10 washes, are pro-

moted with posters featuring blood-stained madonnas. dving Aids victims, newborn babies and slogans like "Who needs two lungs anyway?" The garments have become practically a uniform in parts of Liverpool. Manchester and

A contract of the contract of

new rules on pension transfers

Sarah Whitebloom

AN INDEPENDENT fi-nancial adviser yester-day became the first firm to be fined by a City regulator for flouting tough rules on pensions transfers which were introduced following the disclosure that thousands of personal pensions had been mis-sold.

Imro, the fund mana ment watchdog, began the action at the same time as announcing that the invest-ment-funds arm of one of the biggest names in European finance, Credit Suisse. had to pay a total of £152,500 following breaches of rules which left 899 customers out of pocket.

No customers lost out as a result of the three breaches of pension transfer rules. But Imro ordered the Lon-don-based adviser Kerr & Co to pay a total of £14,500. Between July 1, 1994 when the rules came into force — and August 1995, the adviser was found to have wrongly classified year "insufficient" pro-some customers as "execu- gress had been made tion only" business. This leading to the regulatory means that a client is action.

vestment decision without advice — allowing the adviser not to comply with regulatory requirements. Kerr also accepted that it had failed to give Imro in-formation about its pen-sions business and had not put adequate compliance systems in place to ensure that the new regulations

were being observed.
Imro stressed yesterday that the action against Kerr was not connected with the ongoing. City-wide investi-gation into pension trens-fers which were mis-sold before July 1994. Meanwhile, Imro found that Credit Suisse had in-

correctly priced seven of its unit trusts, failed to keep proper records and did not have adequate compliance arrangements, between June 1994 and March 1995. According to Imro, Credit Suisse reported the matter to the regulator in August 1994 and began taking remedial action at that time. But by the following

£8m pay-out for British Gas women forced to retire at 60 British Gas was guilty of dis-

OUR hundred former Brit-ish Gas women workers forced to retire at 60 have it was "disappointing that British Gas dragged this out been awarded more than 28 million compensation between them, their union announced yesterday.

The settlements are be tween £1,000 and £59,000 for the women, ranging from showroom managers to clerical workers, after the European Court of Justice ruled they had been doubly dis-criminated against, losing five years' pay and having a smaller pension than if they had been allowed to stay

Unison, the public services union, which has been negotiating for 10 years on behalf of the women — 12 of whom have died since retiring -took their case to the European Court which ruled that acceptable."

working until 65.

complied with European law and the policy of having different retirement ages for men and women at work was

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Rate cut hopes climb following fall in inflation

OPES that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke will deliver further cuts in interest rates rose yesterday after the publisharp fall in inflation.

The Office for National Statistics said cheap food and lower mortgage payments pushed the annual rate of price rises down to 2.2 per cent last month — the lowest rate since December 1994 against 2.4 per cent in April. The underlying inflation rate - which strips out housing costs — also dipped to 2.8 per cent in May, from 2.9 per cent

City analysts, who were surprised by the upbest fig-ures, said they might per-suade Mr Clarke to repeat last week's quarter-point cut in the cost of borrowing to 5.75

Ian Shepherdson, UK econ-omist at HSBC James Capel, "The Chancellor will

the year. And there is no chance of him putting rates back up before the election: he'd rather jump off Tower Bridge."
Coming after news last

week of a plunge in factory gate prices, economists said yesterday's data could mark the beginning of a sustained

"These figures provide the first strong evidence that the inflation tide has begun to turn decisively," said Mr Shepherdson, "Any more news like this and Mr Clarke will be following his predecessor and singing in the bath — but with more justification."

Andrew Cates, an economist at brokers UBS, said: "Combined with Clarke's soft spot for manufacturing, the risk is that he will cut rates

again."
The Treasury said the ONS figures rounded off an excellent week for the Chancellor,

vindicating his decision to overrule Bank of England misgivings and trim rates last week. Inflation and base rates

> hitting its target of 2.5 per cent for the underlying rate of price rises. "We expect further falls in the underlying rate," said Kevin Darlington, chief econ-omist at ABN Amro. "It could well flirt with the Chancel-lor's target by the end of the

"This is further good news on inflation," a spokeswoman said. "The numbers suggest

that subdued producer prices are holding back high street prices, too," she said:

ONS officials said buoyant demand for retail goods had falled to drive up price tags,

as some experts had pre-

dicted, with personal and household goods — two boom areas for sales volumes —

falling in price between April and May. Seasonal food costs

rose by just 2 per cent last month, compared to a 4 per cent rise in the same period

Falling mortgage costs also exerted downwards pressure

swamping the effects of rising house prices, the ONS said. Only rising motor costs sullied the picture of widespread

The ONS third measure of

out indirect taxes as well as

mortgage interest, fell even

more dramatically, from an

annual rate of 2.6 per cent in April to 2.3 per cent last

month.

Market watchers said the

latest evidence of subdued in-

flationary pressure shortened the odds on the Government

price restraint.

But Mr Darlington warned that strong figures for retail sales and money supply next week could force Mr Clarke to delay any further easing of



Seeking review . . . Kevin Maxwell at the High Court yesterday

New trial judge choice challenged by Maxwell

ion King

FEVIN Maxwell yester day challenged the Lord Chancellor's choice of judge for his im-pending second trial, calling for the re-appointment of presided over his first case. Mr Maxwell, who was ac quitted of two charges at the

manipulation is taking place," Mr King said. "We have carried out inquiries and are looking at the issues on an ongoing basis. I can assure you that we would have come down like a ton of bricks. We would not tolerate it."

to have been linked to trad-

sain the decision was "unlaw-ful and irrational", and said a "ability" of re-appointing Lord ful and irrational", and said a new judge would make "beavy, expensive and time-con-suming demands" on counsel

He said the appointment of another judge was likely to cause serious additional denotorious case that has already been protracted, arduous and expensive". He added: "The first trial

judge is uniquely qualified, from his detailed knowledge of the case, to deal with argusuch inter-locking of evidence on the counts that it is obviously desirable that the same judge deals with it."

Mr Jones said he believed

that the director of the Serious Fraud Office, who has brought the second prosecution, was not opposed to his application and appeared to | today.

Justice Phillips.

He also blamed the Lord

Chancellor's department of nience" for not reappointing Lord Justice Phillips because

In his second trial, Kevin Maxwell, along with former Maxwell adviser Larry Trach-tenberg — a defendent in the first trial — and former Maxwell Communication Corporation director Albert Fuller, will face charges related to the alleged misuse of shares in Berlitz, a former MCC subsidiary. Meanwhile, Michae Stoney, another former MCC director, will face two charges

The judicial hearing, before Lord Justice Henry and Justice Sachs, will continue

Stay in Europe — for now,

News in brief

Motor cover leads premiums rise

INSURANCE premiums are set to rise this year, with the cost of notor policies likely to show the sharpest increases, the Association of British Insurers warned yesterday. John Carter, ABI chairman, said the industry had enjoyed a "win, win" year in 1995 because pollcyholders had benefited from cheap premiums and shareholders had received bigger dividends on the

But Mr Carter warned that insurance was a cyclical industry and premiums would inevitably start to rise this year. There were already signs that motor rates had begun to do so. Mr Carter was speaking as the ABI revealed that the insurance industry respired see a billion to moved wide general promise. industry received £36.8 billion in worldwide general premiums

last year, a 6 per cent increase on 1994.

The trading profit on this, including investment income, was \$3.9 billion, marginally lower than the previous year. The life industry continued to show signs of regaining customer confidence, with UK life premium income 3 per cent higher than the previous year at \$44.1 billion. — Pauline Springett

\$1m bounty for trader

A SENIOR US Treasury official considered paying bounty hunters more than \$1 million to bring in Swiss-based commodities trader Marc Rich—on the run from the American authorities for more than a decade because of alleged commercial links with

Colleagues of the chief enforcer of sanction, Richard Newcomb, were horrified by the 1992 kidnap plot, according to the Wall Street Journal. Mr Rich, now livingth Switzerland, fled from the US in 1983 in the face of tax evasion and fraud charges. US officials have been quoted as saying he remains high on their wanted list.— Mark Milner

Shipyard jobs warning

THREE thousand shipbuilding jobs at VSEL in Barrow - more than half the workforce - will be lost in the next three years unless major work is secured, Brian George, chief executive, warned yesterday. He said the company was investing in new and equipment and must now aim for a reduction in costs of 30 percent

Mr George called for a new culture at the yard as work on the Prident submarine contract comes to an end and the company ocuses on new submarine and surface ship contacts. The company was confident of winning these contracts. He said: "We must line up the terms and conditions of this yard with other yards with which we have to compete."

Cable cash dents Mail profits

HEAVY investment in new vantures, such as cable television, is expected to knock profits at the Daily Mail and General Trust group in the current financial year, the company warned yeste day, First-half profits rose from £38.3 million to £41 million al-

though they slipped marginally on an underlying basis. Newsprint prices for the company, which publishes the Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday and the London Evening Standard, rose by 28 per cent but the group said the levalling out in these costs coupled with a diminution in promotional expense meant profit growth in its newspaper division should reflect increased circulations. — Lisa Buckingham

Advisers win court battle

ACCOUNTANTS Ernst & Young and actuaries Bacon & Wood-row yesterday celebrated a significant legal victory after a High Court judge ruled they had not given negligent professional advice to Dutch insurer NRG over its purchase of Victory Rein-surance in 1990. It is understood that NRG had been seeking ismages in the region of £400 million.

Bacon & Woodrow said that although Mr Justice Colman had found the actuarial firm negligent in one minor respect, he had decided it had no bearing on NRG's decision to make its acquisttion. The case first went to court in January 1996. Last August NRG abandoned an attempt to sue Swiss Benk Corp over the acquisition. — Pauline Springet

Moss Bros buys stores

MOSS Bros is buying the Biazer men's casual wear retail chain from Storehouse for \$7.1 million and plans to triple the number of Blazer stores. Moss Broe, best known for its formal menswear business, runs 128 stores under its Savoy Tailors Guild, Cecil Gee and The Suit Company brands. Blazer has 28 stores, primarily in London and the South-east, and Moss Bros said it would create up to 50 more. — Tony May

FKI plans £270m deals

Single Market and act as a

bulwark against financial

The pro-Europeans have

generally made the running since the 1975 referendum de-

ided by a two-to-one majority

that Britain should stay in

Europe, if only because they

have argued convincingly

that the costs of pulling out

would be enormous.

Prof Minford's paper demonstrates how far the pendu-

lum has swung over the past

couple of years, with the row

over BSE in beef the catalyst

for a more sceptical view of 23

years of membership.
At present, Prof Minford

sees the argument as finely balanced. On the one hand,

Britain loses out from the

Common Agricultural Policy.

which he estimates costs the UK about £10 billion a year in

waste, higher prices and

transfer payments to Brus-sels. This amounts to around

FKI, the engineering and automotive group, is in negotiations for two "sizeable" acquisitions which could cost up to £270 million in total, finance director Eric Bowers said. He was speaking after amouncing a 33.3 per cent rise in profit to 190.1 million for the year to March 31 — which were well ahead of analysts' expects.

Copper market's chiefs talk to City watchdogs

Paul Murphy

HE London Metal Exchange admitted yes-terday that its ability to police the world's pre-mier market for non-ferrous metals is limited.

Speaking in the wake unprecedented volatility in the price of copper and widespread allegations of price-rigging, chairman Raj Bagri said the exchange was talking about the matter with the Securities and **Futures Authority, the City** At the centre of discus-

aton is the question of how to monitor broking firms which are not members of the LME but which still pass trades through the market or carry out off-

market transactions. The Financial Services

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Act does not allow the LME | not aware of any metals Mr Bagri said. Neither Mr Bagri nor the

exchange's chief executive, David King, could shed further light on reports that turbulence in the copper market had led to governtween Britain and Japan, a hig consumer of copper. The recent price fall has been attributed in part to uncertainty over the posi-tion of one Japanese trader. While Mr Bagri admitted that the LME was not

happy with the state of the copper market, the ex-change has stopped short of taking action to calm deal-ings, beyond technical mea-sures including an increase in the margin payment traders must make before doing business Mr Bagri said that he was

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trading firms facing bank-ruptcy as a result of wild fluctuations in the copper price — which one day last week fell by more than 15 per cent in two hours - and stated that the exchange was not investigating any

nipulation.
"We don't believe that

The LMR was not pre-pared to comment on a series of police raids in the Channel Islands last month, which are believed ing in the copper market.

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Panel limits predators' use of

derivatives

end of the first trial in Janu-

ary, said the re-appointment of Lord Justice Phillips would

Alun Jones, Mr Maxwell's

QC — who represented him during the eight-month trial — told the High Court the

second trial was likely to be

even longer and would be "of considerable complexity".

Applying for a judicial review of the Lord Chancel-

lor's decision to appoint Mr Justice Buckley, Mr Jones

save both time and money.

lan King

THE Takeover Panel yes-terday announced a shake-up in City takeover misuse of derivatives during

The panel said details of de-rivatives transactions must be made public during bid contests — in the same way that share deals and share-holdings must be disclosed. The rule, which comes into effect immediately, will apply to bidding companies, parties to an offer, their associates and large shareholders. It will prevent hostile bidders "dis-guising" their interest in tar-

get companies by using finan-cial derivatives, such as futures and options contracts.

The panel's decision, made after a lengthy inquiry, fol-lows an appeal made during Trafalgar House's abortive £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electric in March last year. This saw a row over deriva-tives contracts entered into by Trafalgar and its financial

poration, under which SBC took stakes in Northern and other regional electricity companies — before the bid was launched. The panel was backed by the City's leading watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board, which yester-day published its 30-page draft guide on the use of de-

adviser, Swiss Banking Cor-

The SIB said corporate fi nanciers should not use de-rivatives allowing its clients to buy or sell stakes in companies when those clients were prevented from buying or selling a stake in that company directly on the open

rivatives in corporate fi-

advises maverick Minford Wise man tells Clarke that EU benefits enjoy slender advantage

over costs. LARRY ELLIOTT reports

ty's week of soulsearching about Europe was coming to a climax yesterday when a member of the Chancellor's panel of independent economic advisers produced a critical audit of Britain's 23year membership of the European Community.

Patrick Minford, professor of economics at Liverpool University, gave extra mo-mentum to the "in-or-out" debate triggered by Tory MP Bill Cash's referendum bill, with a paper questioning whether Britain should leave the European Union.

On the morning after Ken-neth Clarke cited inward investment and Britain's strength in invisible trade in defence of a continuing stron link with Brussels, Prof Minford came up with a more critical appraisal.

"We must work for a free-market Europe," Prof Min-ford said in his 38-page "bal-ance sheet" released yesterday. "if we fail we will then be forced to contemplate a future outside Europe, as a free trading nation."

Mr Clarke used his Man-

sion House speech on Wednesday to champion the cause of the Euro-enthusiasts within the Conservative Party, arguing that Britain's European base was an asset rather than a millstone around its neck. The Chancellor delivered the classic case for Britain's

nbership, one that has

HE Conservative Party's week of soul-searching about been adumbrated by pro-Europeans since Harold Mac-millan's application for entry to the Common Market was rebuffed in January 1963. In short, the argument is

that Britain is inextricably an increasing proportion of its visible and invisible exports to the rich European markets, and has everything to lose from taking a stand-offish approach to discussions about further economic and political integration.

Enthusiasts for a single currency, including Mr Clarke, see potential benefits in monetary union. They believe it could provide longterm macro-economic stabil-

Pros and cons

For membership Access to the world's biggest market

Common Agricultural Policy

Collaboration on Financial support for

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Anti membership Trade deficit

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nomic benefits from the product. On the other hand, the paper finds that Britain pleans a competitive advantage from being the focus for almost half of the inward investment into the European Union. Prof Minford, a strong supporter of deregulation, believes that Britain could generate an extra £9 billion from exports of consumer durables of continental Europe.

As a result, he concludes that at present the benefits and the costs essentially cancel each other out. However, signing up to the Social Chap-ter and joining a single currency would tip the balance massively in favour of une Euro-sceptics. On the improbable basis that a national minimum wage would be in-troduced at 63 per cent of mean male and female earn-ings. Prof Minford calculates that unemployment would rise by 1.4 million. A minimum set at 50 per cent of male and female earnings would, be estimates, mean a 500,000

increase in joblessness. Two important political cal-culations stem from this analysis. First, Prof Minford believes Britain could not repudiate the CAP while at the same time enjoying the benefits of being a low-cost base for European inward investment Second, a Labour government wholeheartedly committed to EMU and the Social Chapter would almost certainly push the Conservatives further towards support for exit from the EU. Pro-Minford believes this is unlikely to happen however, he cause Labour in office will be warier of Europe than Labour in opposition.

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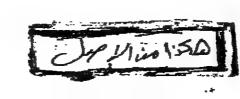
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No illusions as Johnson gets elbow

One-lap rivals on trial to be also-rans in Atlanta

Stephen Bierley

HE highly dramatised account of Eric Lid-dell's Olympic victory in the 400 metres in Paris in 1924, as portrayed in the film Chariots of Fire, bore scant resemblance to reality. Similarly the hype surround-ing the 400m at this week-end's Olympic trials in Birmingham may have little

will fancy their chances of winging off to Georgia. But to suggest that Britain has anything more than an outside chance, at best, of an individual 400m bronze medal in Atlanta would be thoroughly

misleading.
The latest world list of best times this season reveals that no fewer than 13 Americans have dipped below 45sec; of the British contenders only Iwan Thomas (at altitude), Roger Black and Jamie Baulch have managed to nip

Prof.

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below this barrier.
Little wonder that Brad
Hunt, the manager of the
double world champion Michael Johnson, accused the British Athletic Federation of protecting "some illusion that Roger Black or Du'aine La-dejo are in the hunt', after it was revealed that Johnson had been "bounced" out of the 400m at the London Grand

Prix on July 12. "I could infer that somebody wanted to make sure the British 400m runners did not take a shellacking before the Olympic Games," Hunt added with mischievous relish. Black said yesterday that he applauded the BAF's decision but he insisted that none of Britain's 400m runners had suspended drug abusers who refused to run against John-

son at Crystal Palace.

The first two in every event this weekend, provided they have achieved the Olympic qualifying times or distances, will gain automatic selection for Atlanta. A third place, where appropriate, will be decided by the selection panel on Sunday evening and an-

relevance to actual events
Atlanta next month.
Sunday's one-lap final, the last race on the track after two and a bit days of competition, promises to be exceptionally competitive. At California.
"The semi-final heats will important, You want to ver medal winner in 1991.

dejo and Mark Richardson, fifth in last year's world championships in Gothenburg, have the pedigree to come through.

And a prediction of the places? "I don't know who will come second and third," Black said.

Britain's chances of an Olympic gold medal in track and field in Atlanta probably rest on the slim shoulders of the triple jumper Jonathan Edwards, the world champion and world record holder. Un-fortunately he will be missing from the trials because of intury. Also out injured is Steve Backley, the world silver medal winner in the javalin. use court orders to enter the US Olympic trials will not be Dave Grindley, the UK re-cord holder who finished national Amateur Athletic sixth in the 1992 Barcelona Federation.

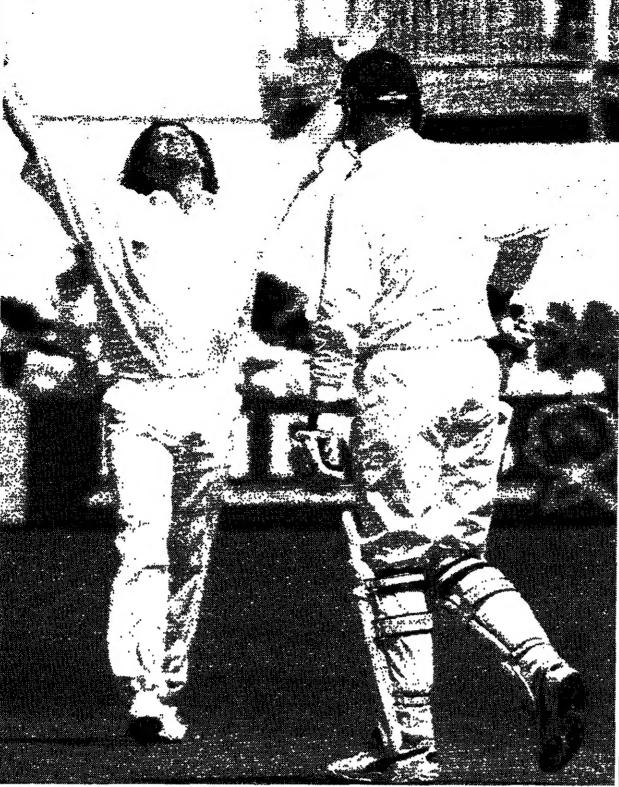
Olympics, pulled out of the trials yesterday with an Achilles tendon niggle. He has been troubled for two years with similar problems. His coach Vicente Modahl has called for him to be given more time, but this appears unlikely: unless Sunday's final times are poor.

The first two in comments are poor.

on Sunday evening and an-nounced on Monday. Black, the 400m European champion twice and world sil-

sharp, but believes that La-

Linford Christie, who has yet to commit himself publicly to defending his 100m Olympic title, will run both the sprints, and is ex-pected to express his Atlanta intentions on television either tomorrow or Sunday — anywhere other than in the



Heaven sent ... Nottinghamshire's paceman Cairns gives thanks as Weston departs, caught Bates for 21. Worcestershire were 342 for three, with Moody not out on 194, after the first day at New Road PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Essex v Northamptonshire

Modern times but same old faces

Paul Weaver at Cheimsford

T WAS just like old times here yesterday as John Childs (45 in July) bowled to John Emburey (44 in August) just before Graham Gooch (43 next month) came in to bat. When David Acfield (or AC Field as he was once called here) produces his keenly awaited report on the state

Scoreboard

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R C Russell c Greenfield b Globins

R C P Dayls c Greenfield b Law

M C J Ball not out

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Bowling: Drakes 8-2-27-2; Lewry
9-1-28-0; Law 12-4-30-3; Giddine
13-3-49-3.
Unspires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

YORKSHIRE V WARWICKSHIRE

G Welch b White N M K Smith b White

Total (101.3 overs) 305 Fall of wickets 10, 10, 126, 173, 173, 246.

Fall of Wicksets 10, 10, 126, 173, 173, 175, 285, 295, 297.

Bowlings Gough 23-5-68-4; Hartley 11-1-45-1; Silverwood 11-3-40-1; White 18,3-9-31-3; Stemp 23-8-65-1; Bevan 15-1-47-0.

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of the game, he may reflect upon such days as this.

That is not to say that these three splendid crick-eters should no longer be

playing, but that it is a sadness that they should con-tinue to dominate younger colleagues so easily at an age when they should be reaching for the pipe and slippers instead of the Gray-Nicolls. Nor is it testimony to the

strength of the game's youth that yesterday, with Mark flott injured, Essex fielded Steve Andrew, who played for Hampshire from 1984-89 and for this county since 1990 but who has not yet won a county cap. Mean-while Northamptonshire, 63 for no wicket. without Curtly Ambrose

and Kevin Curran, brought | back Neil Mallender (35 in August), who took only 17 wickets last season.

At Essex the sense of family is strong, and the for-mer captains Keith Fletcher and Brian Taylor looked on as the best batting came from Gooch. He made 38 from only 48 balls with six fours and a six, gleefully fielded on the rebound by his father Alf on the backward-square-leg boundary. Essex responded to a score of 214 by making

The pitch offered seam

Chester is Street: Ourham (4pts) truil Lancashira (5) by 128 runs with two firet-

movement and uneven bounce and the visitors lost their first five wickets for A single batting point appeared beyond them when Andy Roberts was ninth out at 163, but Paul Taylor and Mallender added 51 for the last wicket.

Both Andrew and Ashley Cowan bowled a good open-ing spell and only Malachy Loye and David Roberts the latter making his debut and happily still only 19 showed any authority. Childs then came on to

tease out the later order. SURREY v LEICESTERSERIE
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J Frinath c Adams b Malcolm
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Extras (b1, lb4, w2, nb8).....

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D M Jones not out
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Minor Counties Championship

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Cricket

County C'ship: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

Penney hits on hangover cure

David Hopps at Headingley

CROWDED county cir cuit leaves precious lit-tle time for reflection, and for once Warwickshire and Yorkshire were grateful for that. As losing semi-finalists in the Benson and Hedges Cup. players on both sides awoke to emptiness, but they barely had time to swallow their bacon and eggs before their respective champion-ship challenges intruded upon their grief.

The need to banish depres-

sion was even more urgent in what probably represents the first meaningful top-of-thetable contest this season. Yorkshire are leaders, needing more than ever to confirm their betterment in the four-day game: Warwickshire lurk just behind, with a game in hand, hearing the whispers that they are not quite the

force of the past two years. Yorkshire, having dis-missed Warwickshire for 306 yesterday, will be content in the belief that they have achieved parity. They lost the toss on a sound, slow surface and if they had conceded 400 they would have been particularly vulnerable against Warwickshire's spinners. In less resolute times, that would have been their destiny.

115 balls, and Trevor Penney, who dispelled his own de-spondency by grafting for 5%

hours for his second first class century of the summer.

Ostler attracts the most plaudits and won an England A tour last winter, but Penney possesses the higher career average, 43 as opposed to 36. Their respective dismissals yesterday gave clues why: Ostler, glorying in a pull against Silverwood, skied a return catch when a century was there for the taking: Penwas there for the taking; Penney ground on with minimal
risk until a controlled innings
came to grief on 125 when he
fell leg-before to White.
White, savaged in Lancashire's late B&H assault,
found some balm with a spell
of three for four in 14 asset

of three for four in 4.3 overs to end Warwickshire's innings. But Yorkshire's likeliest bowler was Gough, whose four for 66 in front of the chairman of selectors Ray-mond Illingworth, to follow five wickets against Surrey at Middlesbrough, suggested he is nearing England form.

Gough's yorker brought two impressive victims, both without scoring. Moles, an outside bet for an England opening spot if Knight's finger fails to heal in time, was bowled off the toe of his bat, and Pollock fell leg-before second hall second ball.

There has been an unkind

wish in some quarters to rubbish Gough as a song-and-dance act, and his chances of Warwickshire's nango-cure was supplied by Dominic Ostler, whose unconstrained while Mullally's left-arm while Mullally's left-arm seam is tried in the name of variety. As the song-and-dance man might warn, that's what killed Music Hall.

India's batsmen fail again

NAYAN MONGIA, who is | facing humiliation at one likely to open in next | stage when they slumped to week's second Test at Lord's, bit an accomplished 74 not out to help India towards the respectability of 229 against Derbyshire

yesterday.
The tourists, who rested
Sachin Tendulkar, were

110 for eight, but the last two wickets added 119 to put the earlier batting into perspective. Mohammad Azharuddin

failed again, scoring only 21, and Devon Malcolm claimed four for 60.

Kent v Middlesex

Weekes again the centurion

Mike Selvey at Canterbury

NLY delegates at a conference of tobacco man-ufacturers could have ufacturers could have been offered more players than have Middlesex supporters this season.

Eighteen have been used in their six championship games to date, with five debutants including another yesterday. Peter Wellings instead of Mike Gatting, who apparently has been bitten by something virulent and burst out in lumps and a rash. Sounds like the barmaid again.

ture does not appear to have done Middlesex much harm, for although the season started creakily for them they have got into their stride in recent weeks, moving to sixth in the championship. Yesterday, thanks to a hun-

dred from Weekes and halfcenturies from Ramprakash and Pooley, they batted themselves into a solid position at 358 for five against Kent, currently in second place only a point behind Yorkshire. Having won the toss and

taken advantage of a dry pitch which has already shown some signs of spin for Patel, they will be keen for Brown (20 not out) and Wellings (29 to see the day out.

not out) to negotiate the second new ball, only four overs old, and take their total on to 500 today before giving Tufnell free rein. With just a couple of 50s

hitherto, Weekes's season has started slowly. But he came into this match with confidence sky high after an eightwicket haul against Glamor-gan and a Sunday league century against the same op-position. Yesterday he batted for just under 31/2 hours for his 108, sharing in an opening stand of 110 with Harrison (40) and hitting 15 fours - one, enterprisingly, from yards down the pitch to reach three figures — and two sixes.

Headley gained some revenge by removing Weekes's middle stump, and shortly afterwards Carr mistimed a pull to square leg. Ramprakash was in an adhesive mood, however, taking 218 minutes over his 66 and making only 28 of a fourth-wicket stand of precisely 100 with Pooley.
Pooley made 67 from 67 balls

with 12 fours -- seven off Patel in an extravagant acceleration after tea — before he was well caught by McCague at mid-off. Ramprakash was then bowled. driving vigorously at Fleming. leaving Brown and Wellings

Surrey v Leicestershire

Major stake for tidy Butcher

David Foot at The Oval

T LOOKED like a pitch from the Golden Age; but The Oval often has that nostalgic sheen which is enticing for batsmen and infuriating for bowlers who perspire under the midsummer sun. Surrey finished on 340 for

six after, at times, stroking along with a disdain that suggested they were on their way to a total much closer to 500. Mark Butcher is something of a revelation. His hundred

was the second in succession and the fifth of his career. He is doubtless being monitored by those who are looking to England's future. These days he is a discriminating player. minimising wanton shots but clouting attractively whenever the bowler wavers.

After three and a quarter hours he reached his century with a six over long-on; an earlier six having come from a scooped hook off Millns, In the end he shaped to sweep the off-spinner Pierson but only succeeded in top-edging to square leg.

tive season for him and there | Wells when on 73.

should be plenty of runs still to come from a tidy technique and to garnish the record of the Butcher dynasty.

After winning the toss. Surrey started to accumulate at an engaging speed. Butcher and Bicknell, and then Butcher and Stewart, appeared to be apportioning easy runs with the same cosy bonding of Bob and Paula sorting out their living accommodation.

But there had to be flaws. Bicknell unpredictably disappeared leg-before, and Stew-art --- happily back in the side after worries over his wife's health - fell victim to shortleg as he prepared to cut.

Hollioake was inexplicably run out, and the persevering Pierson, a tall, lean spinner who keeps his cap on while bowling as all the slow men once did, took four wickets from an unbroken stint of 37 overs, which was generously

applauded. But Thorpe is still there, with a six and 12 sparky fours. He is on 94 and close to his fourth hundred of the season, although he should have This is proving a product been taken at long-leg off

Christie and Lewis head for the finish

Duncan Mackay on one of the great sprint rivalries

HIS week 12 months ago a tearful Linford Christie vowed not to compete at the 1996 Olympics, and his great rival Carl Lewis was so out of form in the 100 metres that it was impossible to conceive he would run in Atlanta.

A year on, it is a different story. Christie is still refusing to say whether he will compete at the Games, but last week he beat the world champion Donovan Bailey, and few of his op-ponents doubt he will make e trip. And Lewis is running his fastest for five years. Today both will settle into

round of the 100m in their countries' Olympic trials: 36-year-old Christie in Birmingham, 34-year-old Lewis in Atlanta, Neither man is prepared to step aside for youngsters such as Bailey just yet. Maybe

their blocks for the first

there are more medals to be won by the athletes who have taken every Olympic 100m title since 1984. Christie's career has been interlocked with Lewis's since they first met in Zurich

10 years ago, when the Ameri-

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can finished third, the Briton fifth. If both make the trip, it seems fitting that Atlanta should bring down the cur-tain on a glorious period for sprinting. It will be a poorer event when they are no longer around.

Lewis, the eight-times Olympic gold medallist and winner of three consecutive world 100m championships, has had a dazzling career. And Christie has turned out to be something of a legend himself in his twilight years, winning the 1992 Olympic and 1993 world titles.

There have been times when Christie and Lewis have bad-mouthed each other and traded charges of ducking a duel, but the two have needed each other to push themselves to new heights. The most memorable was five years ago when Lewis set

a world record of 9.86sec at the world championships in Tokyo while Christie finished fourth in 9.92. Two years later in Stuttgart the roles were reversed and Christie won in 9.87 as Lewis came fourth. That either of them would still be around in 1992, let alone four years later, was never a certainty. Like Lewis,

Christie has toyed with retirement on an almost annual basis. Among those who urged the Briton to stay was Lewis, so that, if nothing else, there would be someone older than himself out there. "I look at Linford and think

if he's still running that well VORSCHERE V WARWICKSHIRE
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G Weich b White 5 at 36, hey, there's no reason why I shouldn't be," Lewis said yesterday. "You may see the grey in my hair, but when the time comes I'll be there." As the words roll off his tongue you can imagine Christie sitting somewhere,



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5-0-18-0 MOTTINGMABISHIRE: P. P. Pollard, R. T. Robinson, G. F. Archer, "P. Johnson A. A. Matcalle, C. L. Carms, "L. Nr. Walker K. P. E: Ans. R. T. Bakes, R. A. Pick, J. A. Afford Umpiress: R. Palmer and G. Sharp

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194, 197, 253. **Sowiling:** Brown 19-3-75-3: Wood 16-1-61-1; Belts 6-0-65-2: Lugeden 11.3-2-45-2; Bainbridge 7-1-16-1. Martin JEB

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Bowling: Martin 15-4-30-2; Chappie 17-4-41-5; Elworthy 8-1-38-1; Austin 6-1-25-0.

GLAMORGAN y SOMERSET

Summee: Somerset (4pts) trail Glamor-gan (3pts) by 308 runs with nine first-in-nings wickets remaining.

Bowling: Caddlek 28-8-92-3; Shine 14-5-50-1; Batty 29-9-80-2; Rose 23-445-4; Hayhurst 4-1-17-0; Pareons SOMERSET First innings J D Baity b Warkin .. M N Latitwell not out

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14 SPORTS NEWS Sandown card 5.00 Lord High Admiral er Low sembers invoured in 2.15 and 5.05, our Good to firm. * Denotes blinkers. 2.15 SOW MARK MADDEN STAKES 270 ST CALSES O MLUE REDUCE (7) R Hamon 9-6 5 MUZZAY (16) A Fraire 9-0 12 CADEANIX CHIM (4) IS FRE 9-0 13 COMMANDER JONES IS Menhan 9 13 MY YESSEL (28) J Janking 9-0 14 RESERVE J Gosden 9-0 15 RESERVE J MARCH 18-0 15 RESERVE J MARCH 18-2.50 all group HADEN STAKES 270 71 to 184 BARDONE MADDER STARES 270 Tf Ca., BS BARDONE D Loder 9-0 BERRY THE DEP J Conden 9-0 BERRY THE DEP J Conden 9-0 CAPTAIN WILLIAM I Baldong 9-0 MADA GARDENER, J Doubop 9-0 SI MARAMS (V) R Armstrong 9-0 M PORTURE RIVER (25) R Harmon 9-0 PUTTA P Cole 9-0 HECAL, PAYROL, (8) (85) M Signes 9-0 HECAL, PAYROL, (8) (85) M Signes 9-0 SHEER, RACE W MAY 9-0 DEP. Revail Payrol B. Power Willer 7. Maran 70P FORM TIPS: Regal Pairel B, Powder Wate 7, He EU DEVITT DA DIAMOND JUBILEE HAMBICAP 1 = 20 C 305-32 MAJOR CHANGE (20) R Hambon 4-0-10 250-00 SREEMA GOLD (20) D) R Avestrong 4-9-0 600-66 MEMAS GOLD (20) D) Do 4-6-7 612-613 KURSA SASSESSEL V (20) (D) P Harms 4-1-4 35-662 SARSENTLY (4) D) Biology 4-3-2 49-159-WILLEE COPPOLIER (250) R Amburd 4-1-1 16-112 MARTINS (1) R AMBURD 4-1 58-00 MORRETT (40) C BYBON 4-1-10 WHINTERS (4) R Amburd 4-1-1 WHINTERS (4) R Amburd 4-1-2 WHINTERS SAMBURG 4-1-1 700 FORDE TXPS: Silently &, Master Charles 7, Major Change Settings 7-2 Major Change 9-2 Marter Charter 5-1 Stoney 6-1 Kings Assenbly, 7-1 Fahs, 6-1 Welle Courses Major Gold.

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9 09252 LIBRARIA (231) G Levet 4-3-3

7 3440-0 TANTEN (3) P Surgeyee 6-9-3

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Graham Rock

A few months ago Harrison

seemed to favour a return to Wednesday, but the compa-ny's Director of Corporate Af-fairs. Terry Barwick, con-firmed at Newbury yesterday

that Vodafone appreciated

"I suppose the balance is

slightly in favour of Satur-

day." he said. "As far as the

company is concerned, the size of the television audience

is important, as is the size of the crowd. I would think Sat-

RANKIE DETTORI ali but forfeited his chance of retaining his jockeys' championship when he broke

his left elbow at Newbury yes-

terday, He will miss Royal As-

cot and is likely to be out of

the saddle for several weeks. He was sitting on Shawanni in the parade ring before the

Ballymacoli Stud Stakes

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2 401-40 MED PHARTON (20) (C) S Maller 4-5-3

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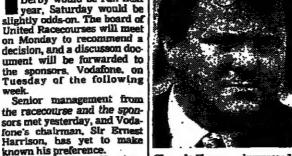
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when the filly reared over backwards and shot Dettori onto the tarmac path. He took the full impact of the fall on Cross Apprentice Handicap

Southwell all-weather meeting

Derby looks odds-on to keep its Saturday slot

F BOOKMAKERS were betting on which day the Derby would be run next year, Saturday would be slightly odds-on. The board of United Racecourses will meet on Monday to recommend a on Montaly to recomment a decision, and a discusson doc-ument will be forwarded to the sponsors, Vodafone, on Tuesday of the following Senior management from





Chappie-Hyam ... impressed Hills ... landed gamble

more people in the middle.

"The crowds seemed to be dying away on the Wednesday, which is why the racecourse opted to change. I can't speak for our chairman, but l do know he has an open mind At the end of the day he will swing towards the side which is best for Vodafone."

Sponsorship was the key-note at Newbury yesterday when Weatherbys, racing's urday would be likely to al-tract the more viewers.
"I couldn't understand why

for several minutes.

He was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Read-

ing where his injury was con-

firmed following an x-ray. Before racing yesterday, the

champion was 12 winners be-hind Pat Eddery in the race for the title, and Eddery in-

creased the margin to 13 when driving home Ever-

glades, the narrow winner of the Gorge Smith Memorial

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some thought the atmosphere last Saturday was muted. I thought there was a great atmosphere, and the crowd was up for the second year run
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Newmarket SJuly meeting.

Dettori breaks elbow in parade ring

culminating in a February 8 next year. The same company will also sponsor the Weatherbys Champion Bumper at the Cheltenhan Festival, which will carry prize money of £30,000, and there will be a

£10,000 bonus if a horse wins both big races.

After Ocean Ridge had made an impressive winning debut in the Kennett Maiden Stakes at Newbury yesterday, Peter Chapple-Hyam, the fil-ly's trainer, said he would enter her for the Queen Mary

his elbow, and was stunned with the minimum of fuss if exception. Surprise Mission for several minutes. | with the minimum of fuss if exception. Surprise Mission for several minutes. | (2.40) makes considerable ap-

handicap when chasing home Dance So Suite on Derby Day

6-5 MADE HEAT

Martin Dwyer, an up and last month.

TOP FORM TIPO: Hendridge Boy & Larry Lumbrance 7, Magic Heights 6

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8 (500-C PARAMERIA POINT (40) W May 5-4-7
9 (00-50) TOMONY TRESPECT (40) (CD) P Person 3-7-12
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70P FORM TIPS: Stee Lader S. Dalmb. T. Kaler S.

4.05 PEARL SELLING HARRICAP THE 25 CE,070

coming apprentice rider, is in Stable jockey Kleran Fallon the saddle again and Conrad rides Supreme Mission in

Allen, trainer of Achilles preference to Benzoe, who

Heel, has his horses in particularly good form at present.

Sixteen-runner sprint handicaps often spell disaster for punters, but the Napoleons Casino Stakes looks an Sycamore Lodge.

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Ocean Ridge, the only filly against a field of colts, was soon disputing the lead and drew clear from halfway to soone by a very easy four lengths from Eurolink Rocaliber. "She has such blistering speed," said Chapple-Hyam.
"She must be a useful filly to beat the colts at this time of

Chapple-Hyam will discuss the winner's prospects with owner Robert Sangster, but it would come as no surprise if

the Manton filly were to take on More Silver, the probable favourite for the Queen Mary Stakes. Barry Hills landed an old-fashloned touch with Fun Ga-

On the strength of gallops with his Coventry Stakes hope Deadly Dudley, Richard Hannon's Wolf Mountain started even money favourite, while Barry Hills saddled two with Peartree House, ridden by Pat Eddery, seemingly the better fancied.

However, Fun Galore, part-nered by the his son Michael, was backed from 12-1 to 7-1 and, quickening inside the final furlong, ran on well to

peal here.
Lightly raced, he is having his first outing for the in-form Lynda Ramsden stable and looked to be running into

form when fifth at Haydock

| 2.10 King Of Sports 2.40 EURPHISE MISSION (1949) 2.10 Cyrono's Lod | 2.40 Ceferia 4.10 Achilles Heal (nh) 4.45 Whiching Henr | |
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Group B: Bulgaria 1, Romania 0

Over and out as ref robs Romania

Stoichkov's early strike wins battle of the Balkans

Michael Walker at

THE run-up to this tournament all we

teanu. He thumped the ball first-time from 25 yards and it appeared to be heading for the top corner when it clipped the underside of the bar, bounced down and cut to be

bounced down and out, to be headed to safety by Ivanov.

The referee Poter Mikkelsen awarded a corner, yet even to the naked eye it was clear the ball hed eye it was clear the ball had crossed the line by a foot. Television replays merely confirmed

On this occasion, however, the linesman was not Russian but Danish, although the consequences of his non-inter-vention were just as dramatic as in 66. Bulgaria, 1-0 up at the time, held on for the next hour despite relentless yellow

Romania manager, did a good job of hiding his disappointment afterwords and sald: "I refuse to make any comment about that. It's up to you. De-

feat is defeat." And so Romania depart, courtesy of a massive blunder by their goalkeeper Stelea against France, a costly slip by their central defender Belodedici here, and a poor piece of refereeing, Bulgaria, meanwhile, soldier on, Having defected from their base in Scarborough, they now oc-cupy Romania's Durham Tuesday's moeting with

By then they will know exactly what they have to do; should France beat Spain at draw with each other and still go through.

Bulgaria, the World Cup semi-finalists in the United States, would become quarter-finalists in England and once more they would have one man in particular to thank, Hristo Stoichkov.

The man who should have had two on Sunday, only to have one disallowed, finally became the tournament's joint top scorer after barely two minutes. lordanescu had resisted the temptation to drop Stelea but had withdrawn the services of one of his central halves. Milhali seemed to hear about was 1966 and all that. And in Newcastle yesterday we were given a striking reminder of one of the 1966 final's most enduring images: the ball that never crossed the line.

Or did it? Yesterday it certainly did. Half an hour had gone when Romania's Gheorghe Hagi rolled a corner into the path of his fellow midflelder Dorine! Munteanu. He thumped the ball that seems the services of one of his centre-halves, Mihali. Stoichkov spun on to a Balakov ilirough-ball Stoich kov's marker Belodedici slipped, enabling the Bulgarian striker to run into the space where Mihali's replacement Prodan should have been.

been. Like the menace he is, Like the menace he is. Stoichkov seized the moment, rushed into the space and toe-poked a hard left-fuot shot into the corner. In the "Battle of the Balkans" the Lee Van Cleef of Bulgaria had drawn

first blood.
His opposition gunslinger,
Hagl, was caught putting his
belt on. These two skinling
footballers, great friends at
Barcelona, had embraced each other warmly before the kick-off, no doubt aware that whoever could exert the more influence was central to the final outcome.

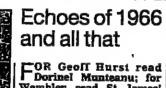
Yet it did not work out like that. Hagi was fundamental to almost every Romania attack. and since they had the majorpressure, and Romania are out, the first team to leave the more visible presence. Buihampionship. garla, however, made more Anghe! Iordanescu, the use of their time with the ball, the sheer quality of Balakov Lechkov and Stoichkov giv ing them a distinctly sharper edge going forward. Romania's two best chances

both fell to Prodan, the wrong man. He put an unchallenged header wide from four yards with 20 minutes to go and in injury-time screwed a left-foot shot wide during a frantic scramble. Oh that the chances had fallen to Hagi; now his 100th appearance for Roma-nia, against Spain on Tuesday, is not even relevant to Romania's destlpy.

Proden, Selymes, Lupescu (Gaix Popescu (Ilie, 72), Munteanu, Lacatus (Meidovan, 22), Raducietu







Wembley read St James' Park. There was an echo of 1966 when Munteanu hit the underside of the bar (above), just as Hurst (left) did 30 years ago. Hurst's the line, but Munteanu's certainly did — except in the eyes of the referee Peter Mikkelsen (right).



Pure class of Portuguese «Tennis? I prefer

John Duncan hears Antonio Oliveira reaffirm his team's attacking principles

now is not the time to take your eye off them, with their coach Antonio Olitheir coach Antonio Oliveira confirming yesterday that they are not contemplating crawling into their shell after they outplayed Denmark in their first game but came away with only a 1-1 draw.

"We have tried to play for a long time in a way that people who like football will not reject," said Oli-veira. "We want to get on the pitch and play in a way that people will applaud, and that is what we have done and will continue to do. This is the football everyone in Europe wants to watch."

And that includes everyone at Euro 96 after a first round of matches dominated by the fear of losing. Amid the caution and the cautions, Portugal won many friends with a performance that was crisp, adventurous and swift-paced. It suggested that they

share more than just a lanshare more than just a language with Brazil, with Paulo Sousa setting the pace of the game, Rui Costa respect him. "We all had played teams weaker and stronger than Turkey and we have never altered our team for our opponents. Let them worry about us."

ORTUGAL have the focus of Portugal's passing frequency frequency in the focus of Portugal's passing. Figo pulling the opposition this way and that with tion this way and that with tireless running, and all of them urged forward from the sideline by the attack-obsessed Oliveira. His one fear, expressed on Wednes-day by Costa, is that Portu-gal lack a world-class

goalscorer. Oliveira himself is an in-Oliveira himself is an interesting character. There was widespread dismay in the Portuguese press when he was appointed. He had been a fantastic player—a striker with 107 goals in 228 games in Portugal—but a mediocre manager with a small Portuguese with a small Portuguese club, Maritimo.

Despite that he got the job in 1994 after Portugal failed to qualify for the United States, and some pointed to his cosy relationship with the football feder-ation; the company he and his brother run, Olivede-sportos, owns the television and commercial rights to the national team. It would be slightly like Rupert Murdoch getting t'e Eng-

land job.

our doubts," said Joac Manha of the sports dally Record, circulation 170,000. "But little by little he has won everyone over. There is no doubt that he has a tremendous tactical brain and a great rapport with the players."

And the players have a great rapport with one another, largely because many of them have been together for 12 years, with 12 of the squad having come through from the world championship-winning under-19 side.

Record, the feeling being Ivanov (Bulgaria, below). that although the team had played well they could not afford to miss so many chances again.

That said, nothing will change for today's game against Turkey at Nottingham's City Ground. "We've played the same team and strategy for two years and we are not about to change it now," said Oliveira. "Everyone is fit at the moment so it will be the same players, with one man up front again. We have played teams weaker and

Sol's plastic surgery

ШП96 @ DIARY

sive: Gareth Southgate is out of the England team against Scotland tomorrow and John Barnes is in line for

a late call-up.

Those suspecting the dead hand of the FA behind this shock selection would be right, because the organisa-tion that brought you the great ticket fiasco has followed up with the amazing model man mix-up.

It all began several months ago when the FA supplied Corinthian Marketing — the of-ficially licensed manufacturer of plastic models of the England squad — with a list of likely names for Euro 96. Unfortunately no one thought Southgate stood a chance, even though he has long been regarded as a model profes-sional. And to top it off Phil Neville and Soi Campbell were also excluded. "We are producing England players in general rather than the spe-cific squad," said Highly Em-barrassed of High Wycombe.

PS: the models are recognis able by their small bodies and big heads; rather like the FA,

AVE you heard the one about the Yorkshire man who rang the FA with a problem? He had bought two seats together for all England's games for him and his best friend. Yes they'd turned up, yes they both had the correct names printed on them. But his best mate had since run off with his wife and he was wondering if he could be allocated different seats somewhere else in the stadium. He must still love his wife — or, after the dread-ful display against Switzer-land, he could have really punished her and sent her the ticket instead.

AVOURITE chant of the tournament so far? Croatia's. Their song (phonetically reproduced for those readers not familiar with the correct pronunciation) "Sti, sti, sti, stiq, yigar, yigar" is definitely unique to them and, according to the Croatian bloke behind me, roughly translates as "Push, push, push, hold, hold"— a piece of tip-top tactical advice. Might the England faithful he bersuaded to offer simiful be persuaded to offer simi-lar aid? "Drink, drink, drink, drink, sober up, sober up"? Incidentally, the Croatian fans are a menacing-looking bunch, but it isn't by choice. Most of their youngish sup-porters have victous-looking crew-cuts, but that is down to them having been granted time off from national service to come to England.

but Northern Ireland's manager Bryan Hamilton spent Monday night commentating on France-Roma-nia from St James' Park. Not for Radio Ulster but for RTE across the border.

Reaction to the draw was unanimous in Portugal.
"Desperdidiclo" (what a waste) was the headline in for later use. No. 1: Trifon



Torsorial note: The agricultural look, as auditioned for Lady

the French Open»

The best loved premium beer in France.

Turkish papers | Irish hit back after referee sends off three round on Ozalan

THE Turkey defende. Alpay
Ozalan has acquired
friends at Uefa for his sports manship but he has created some powerful enemies back

liome. Ozalan elected not to foul Goran Vlaovic as the Croatia substitute ran clear from halfway to score the late winner in Tuesday's Group D game in Nottingham. A Uefa official praised him for his fair play — "it was a fine example of what we want to see" — but less the Americans take the Turkish press struck up a action to improve the refer chorus of disapproval.

The dailies Ilurriyet and Sabalı led the criticism. The regards sending a feam to former mouned, "He could future US Cups." have hung on to his walst and prevented the goal," and the latter said: "Alpay preferred fair play, he didn't touch his opponent; no team made up of nolly and went up into the

The game had erupted in to prevent the Mexicans tak-the 57th minute with the ing a quick free-kick. "I have

threatened to reject all future invitations to play in the US Cup unless tournament organisers promise to improve refereeing standards.
The Republic are incensed

after having their manager Mick McCarthy, Liam Daish and Niall Quinn sent off in Wednesday night's 2-2 draw with Mexico at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey. The FAI's chief executive

Brendon Menton said: "Unees, we would have to look seriously at the situation as

The eccentric referee Raul Dominguez, from Miami, also showed yellow cards to Alan McLoughlin and David Conprofessionals would have lost stands at the end of the match a goal like that." stands at the end of the match to embrace a group of Mexito embrace a group of Mexi-

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chief executive yesterday them with the match ball. Republic leading 2-1. Daish delayed taking a free-kick and delayed taking a free-kick and what happened on the pitch," was dismissed after Mexico's said McCarthy, who will

midfielder Jose Abundis allow his assistant lan Evans reminded Dominguez that the Coventry defender had already been booked for a foul. Quinn, incensed by Abundis's involvement, ran from a seat on the substitutes' bench and was also shown the red card

after grabbing Abundis. Three minutes later McCar- him last October.

to take over in the dugout for tomorrow's game against Boliv.a.

● Sheffield Wednesday's Yugoslav striker Darko Kovace-vic is set to join Real Sociedad for £2.5 million — the same amount David Pleat paid for

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Dutch turn up heat on England

Wartin Thorpe at Villa Park

E INSISTS on being called Jordi and not Cruyff to avoid the burden of expecta-tion of carrying his father's name. But last night Jordi Cruyff scored a goal as fine as any tucked away by Johan to finally set Holland on their way in Euro 96. A second by Bergkamp nine minutes from time only made this Dutch victory over the Swiss even worse for England's cause.

Such was the Dutch coach's concern after failing to beat the Scots in the first match

hauling down Turkyilmaz rived to hook the ball acrowhen he was through on the right, Seedorf was taken off Seven minutes later, howand replaced by the less gifted but more practised De Kock.

Turkyilmaz's run was symptomatic of most of Swit-zerland's raids, quick and promising but ultimately failing to test Van der Sar. The greater threat came from Hotland, urged on by an esti-mated 17,000 orange-clad fans who had tangoed Villa Park; they had even managed to smuggle in a band to lead the chants in the stand behind

They had plenty to encourage them, if little to enthuse over. Their best early chance was created by Bergkamp, who managed to pull back the ball from the left byline to Winter, who shot straight at Pascolo from five yards.

The Arsenal player fired another shot into the side-neting and a third at the keeper. The Swiss, meanwhile, came close with Chapuisat's header at the Dutch goalkeeper, and Turkyilmaz's freekick was deflected just over. Four minutes into the

second half Switzerland's best chance up to that point fell to a defender. Hottiger, who had been recalled after suspension. Grassi went on a weaving run past two Dutch players and fed a great ball to the Everion player inside the area. But with the goal in open view he blasted impetuously over.
But slowly Holland turned

the Scots in the first match that he made six changes for this game, three personnel and three positional. It was no surprise that the captain Blind, who was previously suspended, started in defence. But the big shock was the decision to drop the Milanbound Davids, replaced at the back by Seedorf, who was switched from midfield in an attempt to improve the lines of communication ahead.

This ploy lasted all of 24 minutes, for after getting booked for one foul and being lucky not to get sent off for hauling down Turkyilmaz

ever, the Dutch got the goal their lans and their nerves desperately required. De Boer fired in a corner from the left which Pascolo punched away. but as he was under pressur out as ne was under pressure the ball went straight to Jordi on the right edge of the ares. After taking his time control-ling the ball, the 22-year-old whipped in a left-foot shot in-side Pascolo's near post for his first international goal at the most fitting of moments the most fitting of moments.

HOLLAND: Van der Bar: Seedorf (De Kock, 25min), Stind, Bogarde, Reiziger. Winter. De Boer, Wilsehge, Jordi,

Time for the Scots 'tae think again'



Frank Keating

their own sounds and furies while they can but they presage noth-ing but doom. For the blue-shirts, methinks, are in for a black weekend, and from both the soccer at Wembley and the rugby in faraway Dunedin they will be sent home to their grim giens, cold crofts and chilblained lives "tae think

It will be no less than they deserve. The Scots in recent times have become braying and boorishly big for their foothall boots. It is all very well for an unconsidered little sporting country to talk a big game before kick-off. But not, wh they are duly and fairly

threshed, to display mean-epi ited and resentful grudges. Is it too much to hope that after their defeat at Wembley tomorrow the Scotland team and supporters will show manrugby counterparts at Murray-field? They are, we are told, two different types of follow-ers, but one fears they are two of a kind when it comes to the sporting chivalries.

Two of their own writers put it down to Westminster and the state of the Union. In Arnold Kemp's history of recent Scot-tish politics, The Hollow Drum, he asks why the rugby throng sings Flower of Scotland with such a hard-edged passion — "and is there anything more peculiar than the ourch insurance broke Unionist to his fingertips, uneashing a volley of abuse to the English team? Murravileld nationalism is a kind of vapour rising from the Union, a vent-

Similarly for the soccer tribe: this week the Observer's Buan Ferguson warned Lonurday in a city whose govern-ment, while playing host to the rest of Europe, is simultaneously squeezing every last bilious squit of Euro-habred in a final desperate election bid, having already allenated its former Union partier forever. And you ask why the Scots hate the English?"

It is eight years since the Scots were last beaten at Weillbley, after which the ancient

later than it should have been. after 1977's match in which Wembley was trashed by Scot-tish hordes as overture to London's West End being ransacked far into the night.

The rugby folk are fools of a more cold and considered

mien, as would attest any un-biased observer at this year's Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield, or at the World Sevens finals, boldly won by England in 1993. On both occa slons the reception for the visitors in white was grudging,

Even the officially badged and blazered bods up there have been hoist by their own sense of importance. The England RFU's multi-million deal this week with Sky TV had the SRU blazer Fred McLeod apoplectically certain that Eng-land "will be asked to make alternative arrangements for son" and (walt for it) "will now have difficulties in finding match officials".

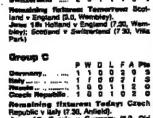
Big deal. No remote thought that Scotland should think themselves lucky, in rugby's new competitive day and age, against England. Before the Scots' XV, with such cruel ease, was laid to waste by England at Murrayfield in March, the babes in blue had won but one solitary match against the English in the previous 10. One out of 10. Were Twick-

enham running a village cricket team they would have long sant a "Dear Jock" letter saying: "Sorry, but we are am-bitious and comp. titive enough to want to strengthen our fixture list so can find no date next season to accommodate you." Which was, to all intents, the gist of the letter sent by the English FA in 1989.

S WITH so many things, Sir Alf Ramsey spotted the future Thrend of internations sport more quickly than most -indeed possibly began Scotland's inferiority complex when it comes to ball games ngainst England — with his famous retort when an SFA official met him and his team at Prestwick airport in 1966. "Wel-

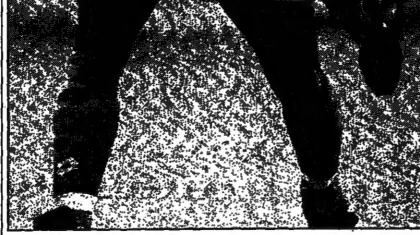
come to Scotland, Sir Alf."
"You must be effing joking." In the Paramount Bar in Aberdeen they have installed in the gents' stand-up urinals a series of watertight television screens and for 50p you can beam up a picture of your favourite hate figure before in flicting the ultimate indignity on his or her image. Till now. apparently, the most popular choice (and leaving Mrs Thatcher and Saddam Hussein far behind) has been Will Carling. After tomorrow, it will doubtless be Terry Venables.

Euro 96 results









Dutch of class . . . Bogarde of Holland is bead and shoulders above Switzerland's Turkyilmaz

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Monty endures in war of nerves

front nine, including the 7th where he was in the greenside

bunker, and missed a 10-foot

of four feet, and things were

He was experimenting with

Scot simmers on the service road and Faldo scrambles to survive in the 96th US Open

N A day made des-perately difficult by proportions, scoring at Oak-land Hills was decidedly unspectacular yesterday. The 1991 champion Payne Stewart and Woody Austin were the early leaders with three-underpar 67s, followed by the 1993 champion Lee Janzen on 68. Philip Walton was the best

David Davies in Detroit

of the early Europeans with a hard-working 69, a score compiled largely because he man-aged to par the two holes at which he missed the fairway. At the second of them, the 16th, he was buried in a thick but suspiciously green clump of grass, and indeed it turned out to harbour casual water so he got a free drop.

The entire course was in fact not-so-casual water, de-

rain in two hours it was a miracle play took place at all. But Colin Montgomerie, with a level-par 70, Sam Torrance with a 71 and Nick Faldo with

72 kept in contention. Montgomerie was disgruntled right from the start, perhaps because he took what was obviously the wrong club for his second at the 1st hole, flew the green and finished on a service road at the back. He got a free drop, but find-

ing somewhere to take it amid the sea of mud was not easy. Nor was the subsequent shot, for he had little green to work with, and he eventually twoputted from 30 feet for a

bogey. However, he reached the plateau green of the long 2nd, 523 yards, with two superb driver shots, and when he also birdied the 4th he moved

spite the best efforts of into the red figures that de-ground staff from 25 nearby clubs, and after two inches of the remained that way until he got to the 9th, a short hole of some 220 yards which yes terday was into the breeze and also sported a pin posi-tion that called for an all-or-

nothing tee shot. The tee was sheltered and the wind decep tive, and Montgomerie, with a three-iron, went for the pin -and fell a yard short, into a bunker. Playing after him. Phil Mickelson saw what had happened and changed down to a two-iron

When the Scot got to his ball he immediately went into why me mode. He stared, hands on hips, at his lie, gave a big sigh, swished his sand wedge angrily at the grass and went into the sand beaten before he started. Sure

did well to get down in two llant either. After hitting the more from there.

He then hit a perfect drive he missed the last four of the off the 10th tee, fading be-tween the two driving bunkers into position A, and walked to the back of the ter to grab a half time orange. A par putt. Earlier, at the 5th, he had a 20-foot birdle putt which he misread to the tune spectator said admiringly, "Great drive, Monty," but Monty was too angry even to

not quite meshing for him. grunt an acknowledgement. A birdie at the 11th got him under par again but then he missed putts of six and four feet at the 12th and 15th before dropping a final shot at the lath. His second missed the green and settled into a clump of really thick grass. The Scot had to take a huge, soft swing to remove the ball at all and it was no surprise when it ran 10

feet past the hole.
After signing his card sort of reverie. "I had a lot of chances," he said eventually. "I didn't convert my

opportunities." Behind him Faldo was hav-

what he called a zero iron, a one-iron made even steeper, which he called "the perfect club" for the conditions. He used it six times altogether, but it was the next shot which was proving difficult and he admitted: "I didn't hit it clase enough on the greens." However, he dropped only one more shot, at the 15th where a poor five-iron left him a huge putt over two enormous undulations, and he needed three of them. "I

played quite well and 72 was the most I could have taken," he said afterwards. lan Woosnam reached the turn in one under, but that

enough, his recovery was less than perfect, hit a ridge and began to trickle, slowly but irrevocably, off the green. He sync and his putting not bril-shots slipped away for a 72.

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